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EVER since the start of the Chinese Communist revolution there have been two views about its probable course. One school of thought has believed that a domestic revolution must lead on to an expansionist crusade, pointing to the first French revolution which led on to the Napoleonic Wars as an example. The second school agreed that in the first period of revolution there was bound to be high international tension. But it considered that given skilful diplomacy, the result need not be war; that a resurgent China would claim a new place in the world, but in the last resort might keep its ambitions within limits.

Six years after the establishment of a Communist government in Peking it is still uncertain which of these two views are correct. Last year there were forebodings that the pessimistic view was right. Today there is a very cautious hope that the second school of thought may have the better grounds for their views.

What solid evidence is there to give substance to this hope? It must be admitted that "solid" is hardly the word for evidence on which it has fed. There have, however, been a number of speeches, a number of reports, and a few gestures. They may mean little; they may mean more. The next few months may show.

A BETTER atmosphere became apparent a little before the Bandung conference. Upon the question of Formosa all problems between China and the West at present turn. In the early Spring there was some reason to fear that the Communists might take military action in the Formosa Straits. Then at Bandung, Mr Chou En-lai expressed his willingness to talk to America.

Naturally the Free World has pondered about the reasons for this milder tone. It is possible that China's domestic difficulties have dictated a slightly more conciliatory foreign policy. It is clear that China is in danger of a famine; moreover plans for industrialisation have not been carried out according to schedule.

Then followed the first gestures: the release of four American airmen and at the same time that of Mr Ford, the British wireless operator. And while too much can be made of these gestures, it is also true that every one counts, and it would be foolish to misinterpret them if they represent Peking's way of signifying that it wishes to negotiate.

JUST as striking as these gestures of goodwill is the recent declaration that Mr Chou En-lai is no longer refusing categorically and absolutely to let the Chinese Nationalists be a party to discussions about Formosa. If the Communists were to relax their demands for a complete boycott of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, that too would be a hopeful sign.

The Chinese people, says Chou, have two possible means of "liberating" Formosa, namely by war or by peaceful means, and he adds that the Chinese people are willing to strike for that end by peaceful means, so far as it is possible. In those words lie the carefully enigmatised intentions of the Peking government. They may still mean that the Communists are preparing for a rash attempt to seize Formosa by force, which would mean international war. But the international atmosphere at the moment suggests otherwise. Negotiations for the eventual settlement of Far East problems would appear to be the best bet.

SURPRISE MOVE BY RUSSIA

Adenauer Invited To Moscow

Subjects To Be Discussed:

NEW DIPLOMATIC AND ECONOMIC RELATIONS

Moscow, June 7.

The Soviet Union today invited the West German Chancellor, Dr Konrad Adenauer, to visit Moscow "for discussions on the question of establishing diplomatic and economic relations between the Soviet Union and the German Federal Republic."

In a note to West Germany handed over by the Soviet embassy in Paris to the West German embassy, Russia said "The Soviet Government would welcome a visit to Moscow in the near future by Chancellor Adenauer and other representatives of the German Federal Republic."

The announcement that the note was handed over, was made to a Press conference in the Soviet Foreign Ministry.

The Soviet note said: "He who wishes to preserve and strengthen peace cannot but desire a normalisation of relations between the Soviet Union and the German Federal Republic."

In this normalisation "the peoples of the Soviet Union and Germany are interested more than anybody."

History showed that "the preservation and strengthening of peace in Europe depends to a decisive extent on the existence of normal good relations between the Soviet and German peoples."

The note said Soviet and German losses in the last two wars "exceed several times the losses of all other states put together which took part in the wars."

The Soviet Government "cannot but draw the attention of the West German Government to the fact that aggressive circles of some countries were carrying out plans with the aim of opposing the Soviet Union and West Germany to one another and of hindering the improvement of relations between our countries."

This would "lead to a new war whose consequences would be still more cruel and devastating than those of all previous wars."

The note said "the threatening danger can be averted if normal relations based on mutual trust and peaceful co-existence are established between our countries."

Such relations "will contribute towards the settlement of unsolved problems concerning the whole of Germany and must in this way assist the solution of the main all-national problem of the German people, the reunification of a German democratic state."

Turning to the question of trade relations the Soviet note recalled the "wide mutually advantageous trade" between the Soviet Union and Germany in the past and pointed out that such trade was now of a "limited and unstable character."

The normalisation of relations could lay the basis "for the development of a wide commercial exchange and the establishment of mutually advantageous economic links" between the two countries.

"The Soviet Union, possessing a highly developed industry and expanding agriculture, considers it possible considerably to increase the level of its trade with West German firms which cannot but have an important effect particularly in conditions of growing economic instability in certain countries."

The note said the abrogation of the West German occupation statute and the ending of the state of war between Russia and Germany "creates at the present time the necessary conditions for normalising and establishing direct relations between the Soviet Union and the German Federal Republic."

"In connection with this the Soviet Government proposes to the Government of the German Federal Republic the establishment of direct diplomatic and commercial as well as cultural relations between both countries."



DR ADENAUER

New Soviet Plan BIG FIVE TALKS ON FORMOSA?

London, June 7.

Informed sources suggested tonight that Russia may shortly propose a Big Five meeting including Communist China to tackle the Formosa problem.

This is one of the courses believed to have received the approval of the Communist Chinese Premier, Mr Chou En-lai, in recent mediation soundings taken in Peking.

The Indian Prime Minister, Mr Nehru, now visiting Russia can be expected to discuss Formosa with the Kremlin leaders.

Mr Nehru's roving Ambassador, Mr V. K. Krishna Menon, recently returned from a "helpful" 11 days of talks with Mr Chou. He has conferred here with the Soviet Ambassador, Mr Jacob Malik, official Indian sources stated, as well as with Sir Anthony Eden since his arrival here last Friday.

THREE COURSES

Mr Chou was believed to be considering three possible courses of negotiation on a Formosa settlement:

(1). Through direct talks between the United States and China.

(2). A meeting of the Big Powers with Red China, and the Colombo Powers, including India, Pakistan, Ceylon, Indonesia and Burma, but excluding Nationalist China.

(3). A Big Five conference which Russia might choose to propose at the forthcoming top level meeting at Geneva next month.

Mr Krishna Menon, who is en route to the United States for talks with President Eisenhower and the Secretary of State, Mr John Foster Dulles, has agreed with Sir Anthony Eden that mediation efforts should be pressed.

Both feel that the Far Eastern atmosphere has improved in recent weeks.

But they feel, too, that further relaxation is necessary before full dress negotiations on Formosa stand a reasonable chance of success. — United Press.

Chou Accepts Offer

Djakarta, June 7.

The Chinese Communist Premier Mr Chou En-lai has accepted Indonesia's offer of its good offices in arranging talks between the United States and Communist China to reduce tension in the Formosa Straits, Indonesian Premier Ali Sastroamidjojo said today.

Sastroamidjojo made the statement on his return from a visit to China. He said that while in China he had also discussed the release of Peking of four American airmen, but he declined to say whether he had also taken up the matter of the remaining United States airmen imprisoned by the Chinese Communists.

The Premier said that the visit had achieved "good results" in creating "friendly relations and peace between China and Indonesia" based on mutual benefit and non-interference in each other's internal affairs.

He added that he saw for himself how the Chinese people were busily engaged in the construction of their country. He said that the desire for peace, especially among the youth, was very perceptible.

Younger Men To Get A Chance

ATTLEE TO GIVE UP LABOUR LEADERSHIP

London, June 7.

Mr Clement Attlee will relinquish his post as leader of the Parliamentary Labour Party in October. This was learned authoritatively tonight.

This decision follows news that three former Cabinet ministers are standing down from the Party's "shadow cabinet" now being elected.

The former Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr Hugh Dalton, who took the lead in this drive to give younger men a chance, appealed to other veterans to follow his example. He is 67.

SHINWELL AND CHUTER EDE TOO

Two other veterans, Mr Emanuel Shinwell, 70, and Mr Chuter Ede, 72, have decided not to accept renomination, it is believed.

Mr Attlee (who is 72) will, it is understood, tell the Party's annual conference, due to open on October 10, he will not be available as Party leader, a post he has held for 20 years.

But according to friends close to him, he will accept nomination as leader for the first few months of the Parliament which opened yesterday and is likely to be elected unopposed for this short spell.

Sources in Mr Attlee's confidence described as inaccurate report that he would retire from the leadership in July when Parliament starts its long summer vacation.

BIG CHANGES EXPECTED

But they confirmed that following Labour's defeat in the general election big changes will take place in Labour's "shadow cabinet" from which some of the veterans intend to depart.

Mr Hugh Dalton, 67, former Chancellor of the Exchequer, has already announced he will not stand for reappointment and has appealed to some of



MR ATTLEE

the "old hands" to follow his example.

Though this proposal was received with mixed feelings in the hierarchy, it is believed Mr James Chuter Ede, 72, former Home Secretary, and Mr Emanuel Shinwell, 70, former Defence Minister, intend to stand down.

Mr Ede was persuaded only with difficulty to allow himself to be nominated for the last session of the last Parliament. Mr Shinwell, who was displaced as Labour's National Executive Committee by a Bertram some years ago, is apparently not anxious to cling to office.

WHO WILL BE NEW LEADERS?

Well informed sources added that Mr William Whitely, the 72-year-old Chief Whip (Chief Parliamentary manager) of the Party, will follow Mr Attlee's example and announce at the October conference he does not intend to stand again.

Mr Whitely, who steered the seven majority Labour Government of 1950-1951 through its 18 months of precarious office will presumably carry on as Chief Whip between now and October.

As soon as Mr Attlee announces his intention not to stand again for the leadership, it will be open for the party to make nominations for a successor.

Right-wing Labour sources said though it was a certainty that Mr Herbert Morrison, 67, now deputy party leader, will be among those nominated, they expected that the Left-wingers would put forward their champion, 51-year-old Mr Aneurin Bevan.

In a straight fight between these two, the odds would be heavily in favour of Mr Morrison, who has been his Party's chief strategist for many years.

MR GAITSKELL'S CLAIM TO FAME

But in the party, still smarting after its election reverses—which some blame on weakness of elderly leaders in standing up to the continuous challenges of the Left wing—a section will press the claims of Mr Hugh Gaitskell, former Chancellor of the Exchequer.

They see in this strong right-winger and anti-Bertram type of "young" and vigorous leader whom they consider necessary if the Labour movement is to survive.

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"A BOLT FROM THE BLUE"

The Russian invitation to Dr Adenauer was not unexpected in view of a similar Soviet invitation to the Austrian Chancellor, Herr Julius Raab, who visited Moscow in April for negotiations which led to the successful conclusion of the long delayed Austrian State Treaty a month later.

The Soviet press has frequently pointed out recently that many Germans believed the "Austrian solution" could be applied to Germany and that negotiations were the key to the settlement of the German question.

The Russians had been expected to put forward proposals on Germany at the proposed Big Four conference, expected to take place next month. But diplomats in Moscow describe the advance move to invite Dr Adenauer as a "complete bolt from the blue."

Diplomats considered the invitation was in line with the Russians' frequently expressed support for the idea of neutralisation as a solution to the German problem.

If Dr Adenauer came to Moscow, the Soviet Government would, it is believed, hold out prospects of eventual reunification of Germany in exchange for an end to the rearmament of West Germany.

The invitation to Dr Adenauer was put in such a way as to hold out the maximum appeal to German opinion, proposing "personal contact" at the highest level between the two countries, as well as the prospect of diplomatic and trade relations, which would be important to German businessmen deprived of their traditional outlet in Eastern Europe.

Observers in Moscow said that even though the Russians might not expect Dr Adenauer to come, their strategy was probably directed towards German opinion as a whole, and particularly to those elements in Germany who believe that even neutralisation is not too high a price to pay for reunification. The Chancellor is expected to be under considerable pressure from the Social Democrats to "talk to Russia."

These observers believe that the Soviet move would also make Dr Adenauer's task more difficult in implementing the rearmament of Western Germany under the Paris Agreements. The observers linked the latest move with Russia's "peace offensive" of recent weeks.

There was no indication in Moscow that the Russians were contemplating the abandonment of the Communist regime in East Germany. But observers said that they might have in mind some form of "live and let live" arrangement between the two Germanys, provided that they were both unarmed, with the eventual possibility of unification—even perhaps on Western terms—if the Kremlin could be sure that German militarism would not be re-stored. — Reuter.

British Govt 'Embarrassed'

London, June 7.

British observers felt tonight that the Soviet note, inviting West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer to visit Moscow to discuss diplomatic and trade relations had undoubtedly caused the British Government embarrassment and a certain anxiety.

They expressed the fear that a Soviet offer now of neutrality or neutralisation might have a great appeal to German public opinion. And they reiterated the Foreign Office opposition, announced on May 26, to any such ideas.

At the same time, these observers said they were not surprised by the Soviet approach, some, in fact, suspected that Dr Adenauer had already received a Soviet invitation at the end of May.

Authoritative circles, meanwhile, refused all comment on today's note. They said that it was up to the West German Government to react first, and that the British would have to study carefully the text of the note before comment. — France Press.

MOVE TO UNSEAT TWO CONVICT MPs

Belfast, June 7.

Northern Irish supporters of the Prime Minister, Sir Anthony Eden, announced today that they will go to court to unseat two convicts elected to the new House of Commons.

Two Irish nationalists serving penal terms for raising a British Army post-war seats from Ulster Unionist (Conservative) candidates in the May 26 general election.

It was announced that Unionist parties in both constituencies had voted to take court action against the convict MPs who cannot sit in the House of Commons.

They won on a platform of independence from Britain and union with Ireland.

The men, candidates of the Sinn Féin, are Philip Clarke and Thomas Mitchell. Both are serving 10-year sentences from an arms raid last year and their election will not affect their imprisonment.

Ulster Unionist leaders of the Fermanagh and South Tyrone district voted to take court action at a meeting in Fivemiletown last night. It was announced simultaneously that the mid-Ulster district approved similar action in a secret meeting last week. — United Press.

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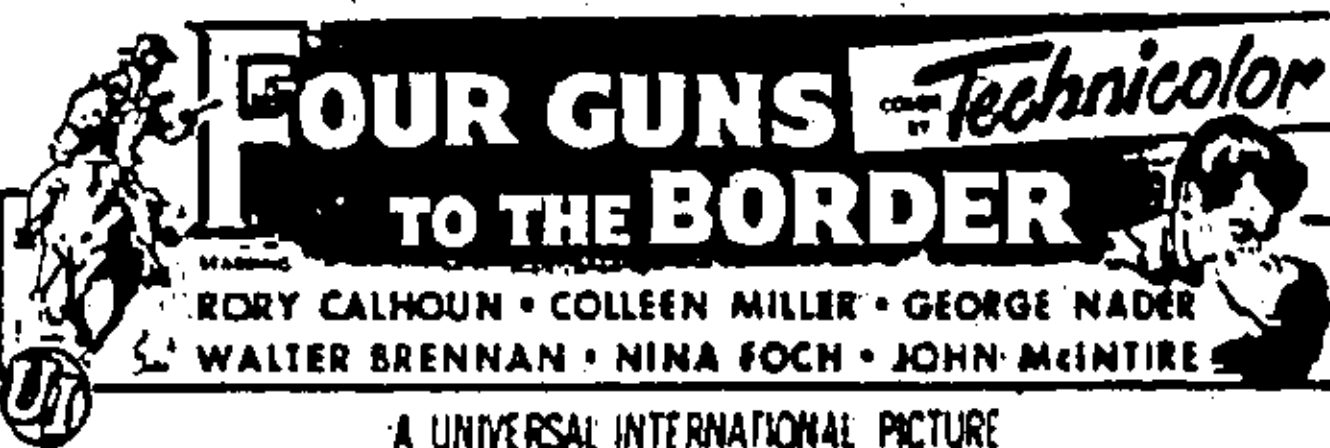
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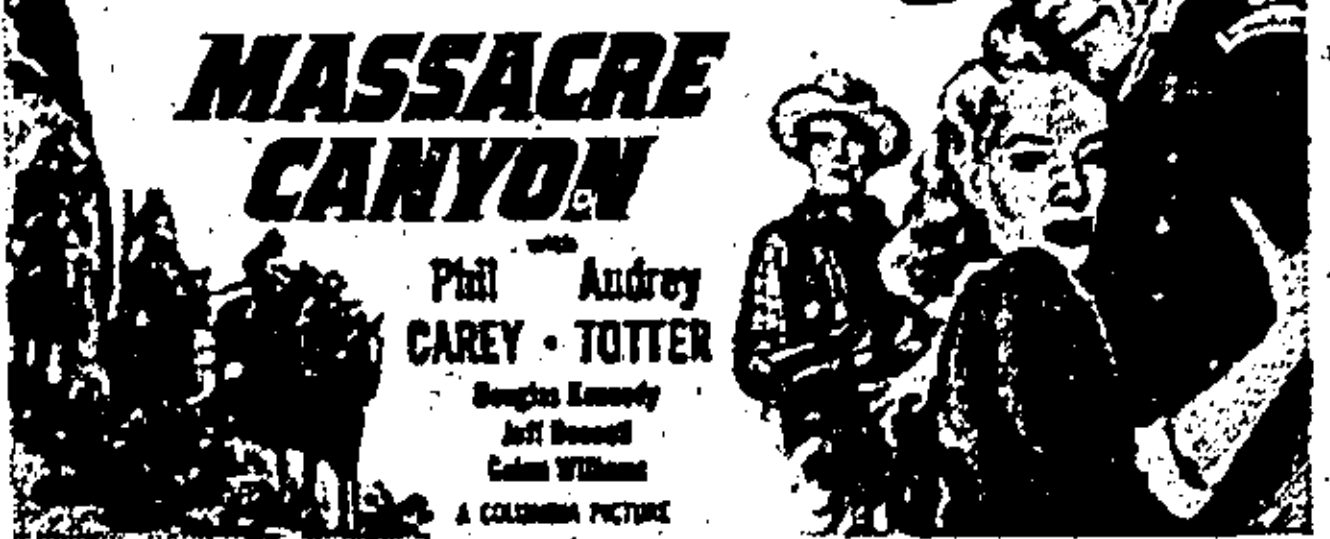


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MORE THAI TROOPS GO NORTH

Authorities Take Measures In Danger Areas

London, June 7. Marshal Pibul Songgram, Prime Minister of Thailand, said today his country was sending extra troops and police to the North Vietnam frontier following the setting up by the Communist authorities of a so-called autonomous Thai state.

The Prime Minister, who arrived here today on a week official visit to Britain, told a press conference at the Thailand Embassy that the "autonomous Thai" state in North Vietnam was similar to that already set up by the Chinese Communist authorities in Yunnan Province on Thailand's northern frontier.

He said the Thai authorities were taking all practical measures against the threats of subversion from these two danger areas.

The Marshal said that at the Bandung Afro-Asian conference Mr. Chou En-lai, the Communist Chinese Prime Minister, told the Thai delegate that Pridi Panomyong, former Thai Premier, believed to be backing the "autonomous Thai" state in South China, was now a political refugee in Peking.

It was recalled to him that he recently said to American journalists that a third world war was inevitable. This time he obliged the British press by confiding that he thought we would have peace.—Reuter & France-Press.

OLD FRIEND

Marshal Pibul referred to Pridi as "my old friend in Paris days."

They were students together at Paris many years ago. The Thai Prime Minister said he was "overwhelmed" by the welcome given to him when he arrived in Britain today and by the fact that he would be able to pay his humble respects to Her Majesty the Queen, your gracious Sovereign.

He said the object of his visit was to reassure the people of Britain that the traditionally friendly relations between Britain and Thailand "have now become even closer by the fact that we are bound together by the Southeast Asian collective treaty and the Pacific Charter."

Speaking in English and French the Marshal said Thailand and Britain were co-operating closely in joint operations against Communist bandits in the Malayan peninsula.

Joint committees to combat the guerrillas had been set up and when necessary the police crossed the frontier in the course of mopping up operations.

NOT KNOWN

Asked whether he believed that Ching Penx, leader of the Communist terrorists, was now sheltering in Thailand, the Prime Minister said this was not known for certain but was being jointly investigated.

He said he was looking forward to meeting Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, Britain's retiring Commissioner-General in Southeast Asia, when he passed through Singapore on his way back to Bangkok from his present world tour.

Mr. MacDonald will shortly become British High Commissioner in New Delhi.

Field-Marshal Pibul Songgram said his country was prepared to offer bases to the Southeast Asia Treaty Organisation (SEATO) if they were wanted.

In answer to inquiries about the political regime of Thailand, the Field-Marshal said: "Democracy is young in my country. She will be perfectly democratic in 10 to 20 years." Nobody, he said, wanted to assassinate him.

HAPPY
The free world is "where we are happy, and we are not ruled by force." Formosa, he replied, was in the free world, but in a state of emergency.

Home Rule Agreement



M. Edgar Faure, the French Prime Minister, and M. Ben Ammar talking over the final problems before the signing of the Franco-Tunisian pact at the Hotel Maitland, Paris. — Express Photo.

Russo-Japanese Talks Recessed

London, June 7.

Japan and Russia opened secret high policy negotiations here today to end their ten-year state of war—and then unexpectedly recessed the talks for a week.

It had been announced earlier that Mr. Shunichi Matsumoto and Mr. Jakob Malik, the chief Japanese and Soviet negotiators, would meet again on Friday for the second of a series of twice weekly sessions.

Today's decision of the two senior diplomats to put off the next meeting until Tuesday while they consulted their Governments "puzzled" diplomatic quarters here. It also provoked speculation about a possible "surprise move" by Russia.

ADJOURNED
The meeting at the Japanese Ambassador's residence here today lasted about two hours after which the two delegates, each of whom was assisted by his deputy, adjourned to another room for tea.

Mr. Matsumoto told reporters after the meeting that he and Mr. Malik had stated their Governments' attitudes to the talks about normalising their relations. He declined to say whether these covered the whole scope of the negotiations or whether they were put forward orally or in writing.

Answering questions about the postponement of Friday's session, he replied: "We wanted more time to study each other's positions."

Japanese sources, however, reported that Mr. Matsumoto had said that today's meeting produced a "development."

This was taken by diplomatic observers to mean an unexpected development. Since the basic Japanese attitude is already widely known it was therefore assumed that any new move must have come from the Russian side.

It had been agreed by Mr. Matsumoto and Mr. Malik in preparatory talks last week that the negotiations expected to last several months, would be cloaked in secrecy.

RUSSIANS DECLINE
Soviet officials also declined to state the reason for the postponement of Friday's meeting.

Japan is seeking a comprehensive peace treaty with Russia, embracing a settlement of all outstanding political issues between them. The Russians have given no public hint of their attitude to the negotiations or to the declared Japanese desire for the return of the islands held by the Soviet Union since the Second World War.

The question of the islands will probably loom as one of the biggest subjects in the negotiations.

The Japanese are known to want the return of Habomai, Shikotan, South Sakhalin and Kurile Islands.

The Tokyo Government contends that Habomai and Shikotan are an integral part of Hokkaido, the northernmost of Japan's four main islands.

The southern part of Sakhalin was taken by Japan in 1904 and the secret Yalta Agreement of February 11, 1945, stated that it should be returned to Russia and that the Kuriles should also be handed over.

Under Article 2 of the Japanese Peace Treaty signed at San Francisco on September 8, 1951 Japan renounced a right, title and claim to South Sakhalin and the Kurile Islands. The Article did not say to whom they should go.

REFUSED TO SIGN
The 1951 treaty, which Russia refused to sign, made no reference to Habomai and Shikotan.

The London negotiations for ending the technical state of war between the two countries are expected to last several months. Mr. Matsumoto was assisted at today's meeting by Mr. M. Takahashi, Deputy Director of the Treaties Bureau of the Japanese Foreign Ministry.—Reuter.

DEGREE FOR ZULU

Hartford, Conn., June 8. A 40-year-old Zulu will receive a Master of Arts degree in education at the 229th graduation exercises of Trinity College on Sunday.

Absolom Vilakazi now is en route to South Africa, where he will undertake a research project in social anthropology with a Nuffield Foundation grant. So he may receive his degree, Trinity announced today it was waiting a requirement that Vilakazi be present for the award.

Vilakazi holds degrees from the University of Natal and from the Hartford Seminary Foundation, and recently completed studies at Trinity for his M.A. He is married and the father of five children.

While studying at Trinity he was an instructor in anthropology at the Hartford Seminary's Kennedy School of Missions. He has taught in the native schools of South Africa and was organising secretary of the African Teachers' Society at Natal.—United Press.

Air-Minded Starling

Shannon, June 8. An aviation-minded starling is preparing for motherhood here in the airport's most unlikely spot—the mobile steps used for embarking and disembarking passengers from aircraft.

The starling is trying to hatch out three tiny eggs inside the steps, which are wheeled on to the tarmac 20 times a day. Each time the expectant mother flies out screeching in protest, but she always returns. Between every aircraft departure, she returns to cover her eggs.

Airport workers, good family men all, hate disturbing the starling but they do not have a pair of replacement steps to smooth her path to maternity.—China Mail Special.

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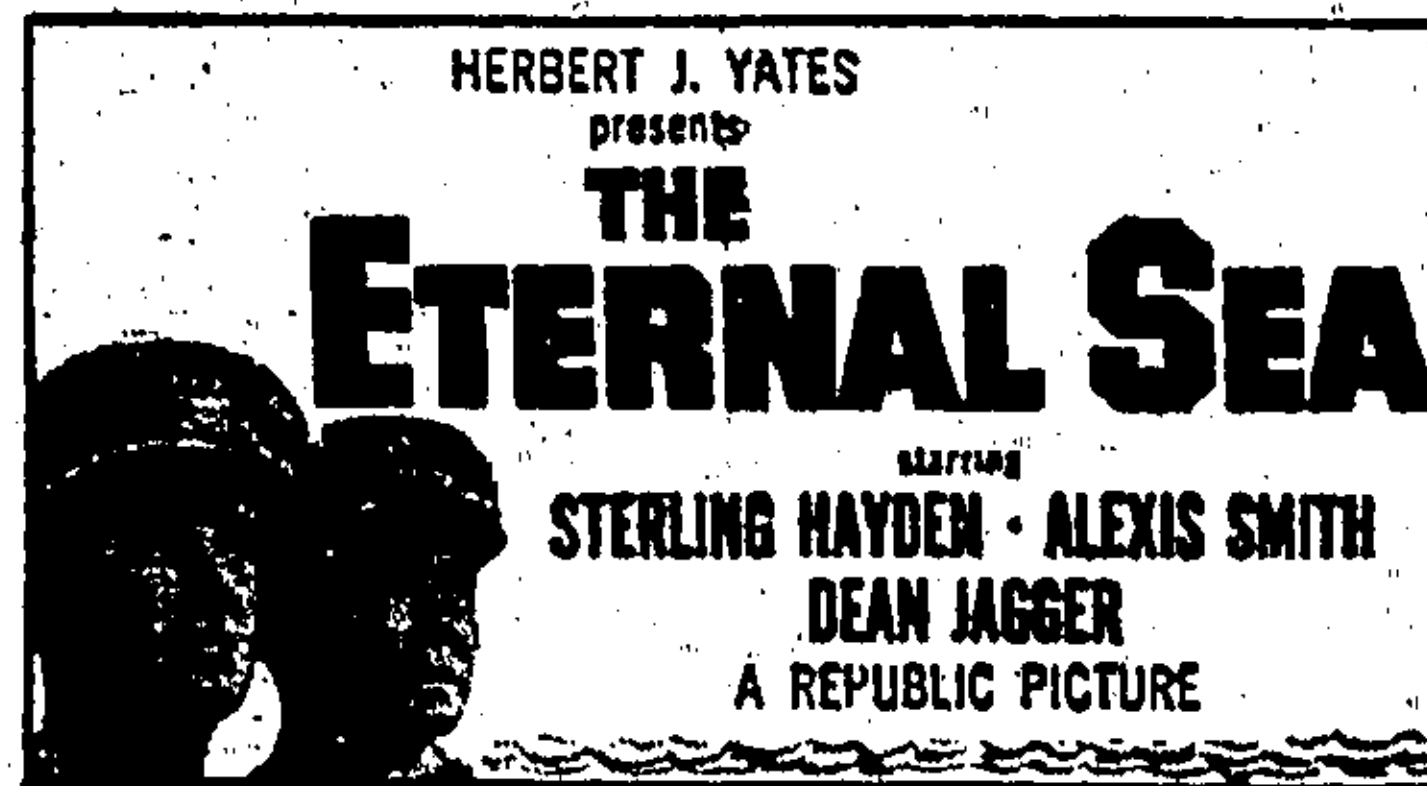
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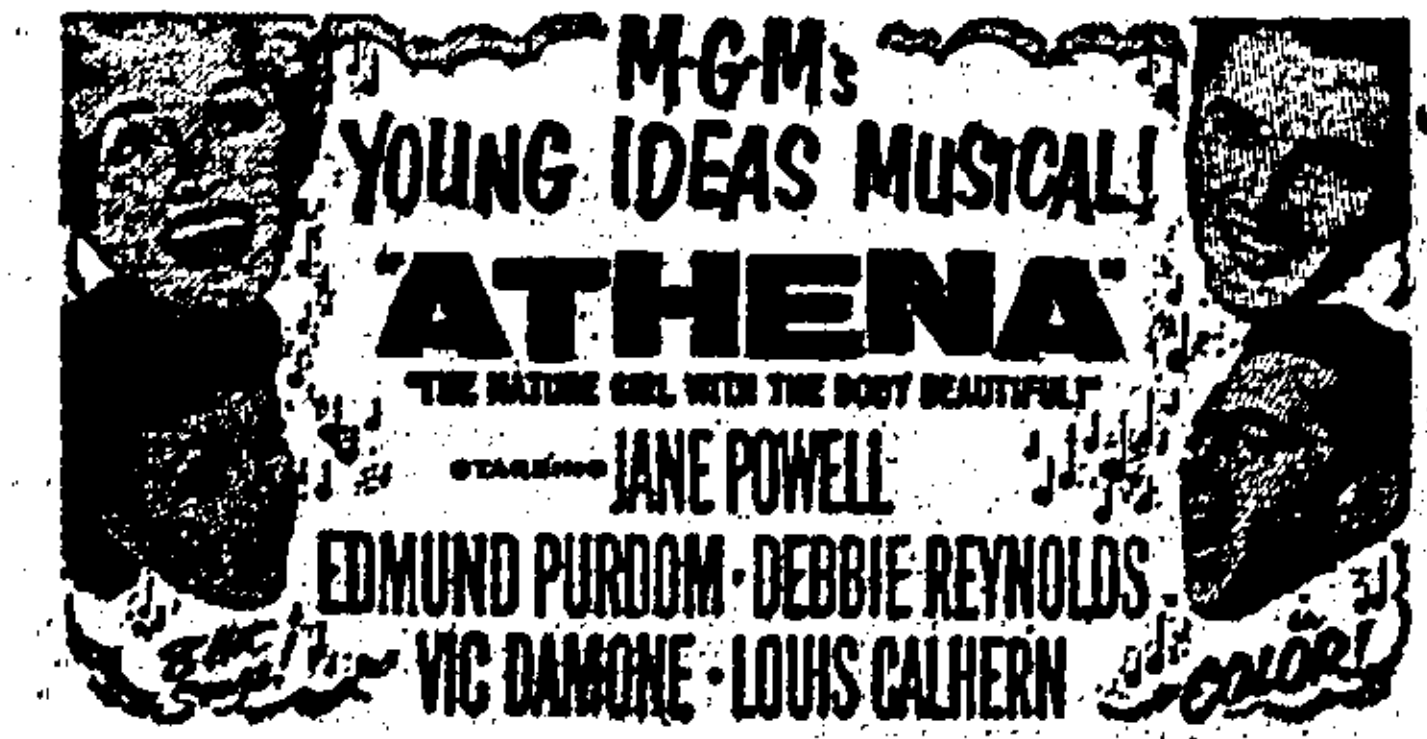
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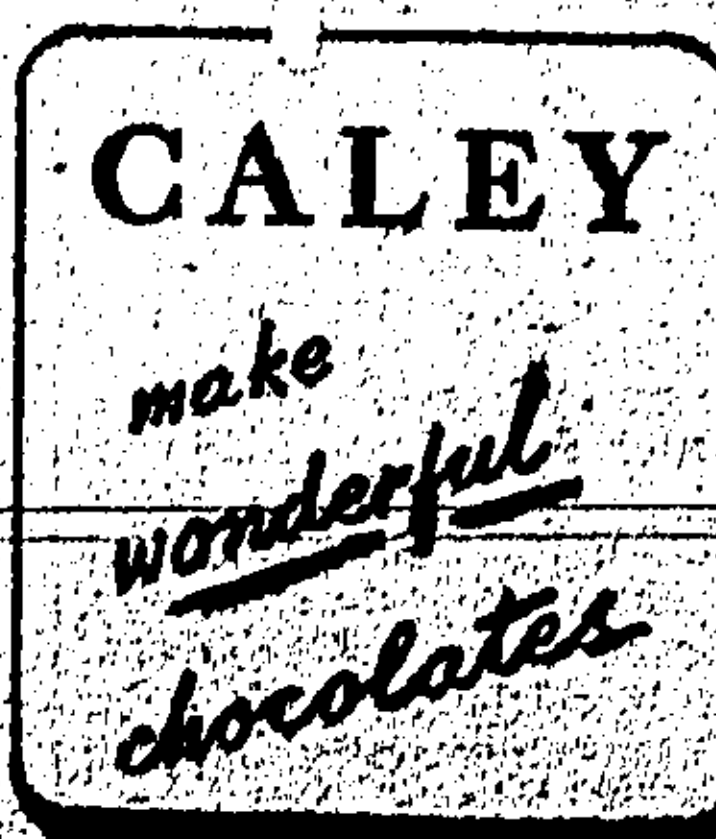
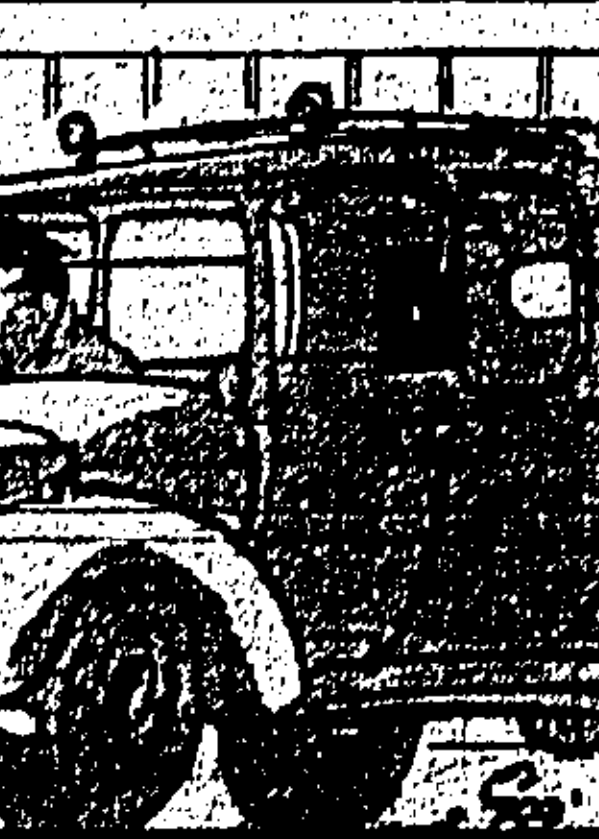
Atlantic City, June 7. Dr. Jonas F. Salk, discoverer of the anti-polio vaccine, today received the 1955 Akiba of Omaha Crisis Award for his achievement.

The award, consisting of \$10,000 in cash, tax free, and a gold medal, was presented to the University of Pittsburgh scientists at the American Medical Association's annual meeting. It was established in honour of Mr. C. C. Criss, founder of Akiba of Omaha, "to reward and encourage outstanding contributions in the fields of health and safety."—United Press.

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Syrian Support For Egypt Over Gaza Strip

ALL MILITARY AT DISPOSAL

Damascus, June 7.

The Syrian Premier Sabri Assali, today expressed all-out support for Egypt in defending the Gaza strip or any other Arab region against Israel.

After a conversation here with the Egyptian Ambassador to Damascus, General Mahmoud Ryad, the Premier said that Syria would adopt Egypt's cause as if it were its own and would "put all our military and material means at the disposal of our sister Egypt in order to stand at her side in the defence of Gaza or any other Arab region."

"The Syrian people," Mr. Assali continued, "is aware of its duties to support the (Egyptian) Government in any measure that the latter might be forced to take and will accept any sacrifice that will be asked of it."

SEIZE STRIP

Mr. Assali said that General Ryad had shown him that the Israeli "intended to seize the Gaza strip, bypassing the UN resolution and armistice conventions (but) the Arabs will not permit a repetition of the tragedy and will never allow 300,000 Arab refugees in this region to be expelled."

In Jerusalem, the Israeli Prime Minister, Mr. Moshe Sharett,

told Major-General E. L. M. Burns, chief United Nations truce supervisor, today that the Egyptians were entirely responsible for the present border situation. It was officially announced.

In his meeting with General Burns to discuss the Gaza strip situation, Mr. Sharett claimed that Egypt had avoided issuing clear instructions against commencing fire in that area and had not taken effective measures to prevent mine-laying.

It was learned that General Burns' visit to Cairo and Egyptian Premier Lieut-Col Gamal Abdel Nasser's proposal to establish a demilitarized zone was also discussed during the meeting.

Mr. Sharett pointed out what he called the negative results of Col Nasser's proposal and suggested that the situation suggested a response to General Burns' invitation for a meeting at the top level to which the Israeli Government was ready to go.

Mr. Sharett said that such a meeting should be devoted entirely to practical measures of reducing border tension and restoring peace.—France-Press & United Press.

Slave Traffic Still Exists

Paris, June 7. Pastor Emmanuel La Graviere, Councilor for the French Union, told the Anglo-American Press Association of Paris today that the slave traffic still existed between Central Africa and Saudi Arabia.

La Graviere who is inquiring into the traffic on behalf of the Assembly of the French Union, said he had been to Africa and had been given irrefutable evidence, including that from a Sudanese Awad El Joud, who had been sold at Mecca. The Councilor said his information confirmed a 1953 report by the French Ambassador in Saudi Arabia and that he was trying to prevail on the French Government to raise the matter in the United Nations.—France-Press.

French Models In London For TV



Three of the leading French mannequins are in London to finalise contracts to appear on British Commercial Television which is due to commence operation next September. Picture shows the three young ladies at the Empress Club where they discussed their contractual arrangements.—Express Photo.

MOTOR STRIKE THREAT

Better Than Ford Settlement Wanted By G.M. Workers

Detroit, June 7.

The head of General Motors Division of the United Auto Workers Union, Mr. John Livingston, said today that he wanted a settlement with the corporation better than that just concluded with the Ford Motor Company.

He said that the union decided today to give General Motors until midnight Sunday to come up with a satisfactory contract settlement, including guaranteed wage payments, for 350,000 GM workers.

The action removed a two-edged strike threat against the Company by auto and electrical workers. The contracts of both were due to expire at midnight tonight.

EXTENDED

The General Motors contract expired on June 1 but was extended. The General Motors Council of the Union voted today to extend the deadline again to give both sides more time to work out a settlement.

It is believed the Electrical Workers Union will follow the UAW lead and order its 35,000 GM workers to stay on the job. The General Motors Corp. were under pressure to extend the principle of guaranteed pay to 360,000 more workers by midnight and were faced with a twin strike threat from the CIO United Auto Workers and the CWO Electrical Workers. CIO President Walter Reuther and UAW Vice President John Livingston, were hoping they might be able to wring even more concessions from GM than the Auto Workers Union won from Ford.

They called more than 300 delegates from around the United States to an emergency meeting of the General Motors Council to consider setting up machinery for a strike. The UAW's 25-member Executive Board was expected to approve any strike action requested by the council quickly.

FOLLOW LEAD

The IUE and UAW were negotiating simultaneously. On economic matters, the IUE usually follows the general lead taken by the Auto workers in negotiations with General Motors.

General Motors and the union worked until 2:45 a.m. in their longest negotiation session to date early this morning. They took a six-hour recess before resuming.

Mr. Livingston sounded the keynote for the GM talks after the union obtained a new contract calling for a guaranteed wage from Ford.

"I don't see any reason why we can't do better than they did at Ford," he said. "General Motors certainly can afford it."

At Pittsburgh the United Steel Workers Union yesterday unanimously "determined to

achieve a substantial wage increase" in negotiations beginning today.

In a statement issued after the meeting the union did not disclose the exact amount of increase they would press for, but observers believed it would make an initial demand for as much as 25 cents per hour and finally settle for something like ten or 12 cents.

Both union and steel firm representatives were confident that negotiations would end without a strike and the President of the Union has stated that the question of a guaranteed annual wage will not be raised.

However, an increase in wages is expected to push steel prices higher.—China Mail Special and United Press.

Alarming Situation In Laos

Vietiane, June 7.

A Laos Government spokesman declared tonight that the Government would be obliged to take defensive military measures against the dissident Pathet Lao troops.

The spokesman alleged that these troops encouraged by the Vietminh authorities in defiance of the Geneva agreements, were seeking to dismember the Kingdom of Laos.

The situation in Sam Neua Province, 200 miles north of Vietiane, the spokesman continued, where he said Pathet Lao troops were attacking Nationalist forces, was "alarming."

"Since the ceasefire," he added, "Vietminh troops and Pathet Lao units have not stopped harassing the Government forces stationed in the provinces of Phongsaly and Sam Neua."

The spokesman complained that the international commission had failed and that the Government was constrained to take the necessary military measures to defend its sovereignty against the acts of aggression.—France-Press.

Winnipeg, June 7.

Mr. George Bertram, a retired carpenter, danced a jig at his 92nd birthday party here. He attributes his longevity to "sensible eating habits and a pint of stout a day."—China Mail Special.

Rail Strike Strains Britain's Roads

London, June 7.

A British road expert, just back from a visit to the United States, has denounced Britain's "anti-qualified" road system, straining under the impact of mass traffic due to a nation-wide rail strike.

Tall, burly, Mr. Wilfrid Andrews, Chairman of Britain's Royal Automobile Club—now crusading a "better roads for Britain" campaign—described Britain's roads as "wretched" and "hopelessly inadequate." He likened them to "a man who has suffered 30 years of creeping paralysis and is resigned to his fate."

CHAOTIC MESS

He told a London press conference: "The chaotic mess around London this morning will be an everyday feature of our life in a very few years."

"Unless a progressive road policy is provided immediately domestic motoring will very shortly become impossible."

Mr. Andrews praised American drive and energy in dealing with road problems and contrasted President Eisenhower's call for "top priority to trans-

port" with Britain's "snug pride in a plan that does not nearly catch up with the problem."

Mr. Andrews who has just returned from a four-week inspection tour of the "United States road system, and who has made 30 visits in all to America, did not believe the American toll road system was required in Britain.

"The British Government could pay for a proper road system five times over from the £400 million a year they raise in road taxation," he declared.

"I have just returned from the United States where I have been convinced that public opinion must demand Government action before it is too late and the wheels come to a halt."

—China Mail Special.

Summit Conference WEST SPEEDING UP PREPARATIONS

London, June 7.

The West began speeding preparations today for the Four-Power conference "on the summit" and appointed representatives for preparatory discussions to start in Washington tomorrow.

The Western Big Three study group is to draw up recommendations for the agenda of the projected meeting and for Western policy plans on Germany, disarmament and European security arrangements.

The United States, Britain and France last night invited Russia to come to the "summit" talks in Geneva from July 13 to July 21.

Russia was considered almost certain to accept.

WEST PONDERS

Western diplomats pondered who would be the Soviet representatives at the conference.

The conference is clearly scheduled as a meeting of heads of government, that ordinarily would mean Marshal Nikolai Bulganin. It remains to be seen whether he will be accompanied by the boss of the Communist Party, Mr. Nikita Khrushchev, who took the lead in the recent Belgrade discussions with Marshal Tito.

Persistent rumours also have it that Mr. V. M. Molotov, the Soviet Foreign Minister, may be heading for retirement this year and that his grip on foreign policy direction is loosening.

This uncertainty tends to lessen prospects for sweeping results when President Eisenhower, Sir Anthony Eden and the French Premier, M. Edgar Faure, meet with the Soviets next month, diplomats cautioned.

The US Secretary of State, Mr. John Foster Dulles, already warned that more than one meeting would be necessary to relax the existing East-West tension.

Meanwhile, a crowded diplomatic time-table emerged today from the West's latest consultations.

From tomorrow Western Big Three experts will meet in Washington to start preparations for the forthcoming negotiations with Russia.

Lord Hood, head of the Foreign Office's Western Organisation Department, is leading Britain's team of experts.

DULLES MEETING

On June 16 Mr. Dulles will meet with the British Foreign Secretary, Mr. Harold Macmillan, and the French Foreign Minister, M. Antoine Pinay, in New York to align policies on the basis of their experts' recommendations.

On June 20 they will meet in San Francisco—on the occasion of the United Nations anniversary celebrations—with Mr. Molotov to fix the final details of their formal meeting in Geneva which will be preceded by a few days by the conference of the Big Four heads of government.

The West envisages that the agenda of the forthcoming talks should include, at any rate, Germany, East-West disarmament, and European security arrangements.

East-West trade may also be considered in the broader context of a European settlement.

The West has abandoned the idea of a step-by-step settlement and feels that a German solution should now be sought within a broader framework of European security arrangements, based on phased and balanced East-West disarmament.

The heads of government will, however, not seek agreements at their Geneva meeting; they will set only the directives for their Ministers who, with their experts, will later get to work on detailed plans.—United Press.

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CLERGYMAN FINED

Bath, June 8. The Reverend Gerald Hutchison told a court here he did not think his motorcycle needed either a speedometer or a hooter as the machine gave "very audible warning" of its approach and was not capable of more than 25 miles an hour as he weighed 18 stone. He was fined one pound sterling and told to carry them in future.—Christa Mail Special.

HOKKAIDO INCIDENT

Serious Int'l Law Questions Involved

Washington, June 7. The State Department today announced that the United States had asked the International Court of Justice to decide its claim for \$1,620,295.01 against the Soviet Union for the loss of a B-29 and crew off northern Japan in 1952.

It said: "Among the subjects in dispute are serious questions of international law. These include the validity of the Soviet Government's claim to sovereignty over the Habomai Islands situated off Hokkaido, Japan."

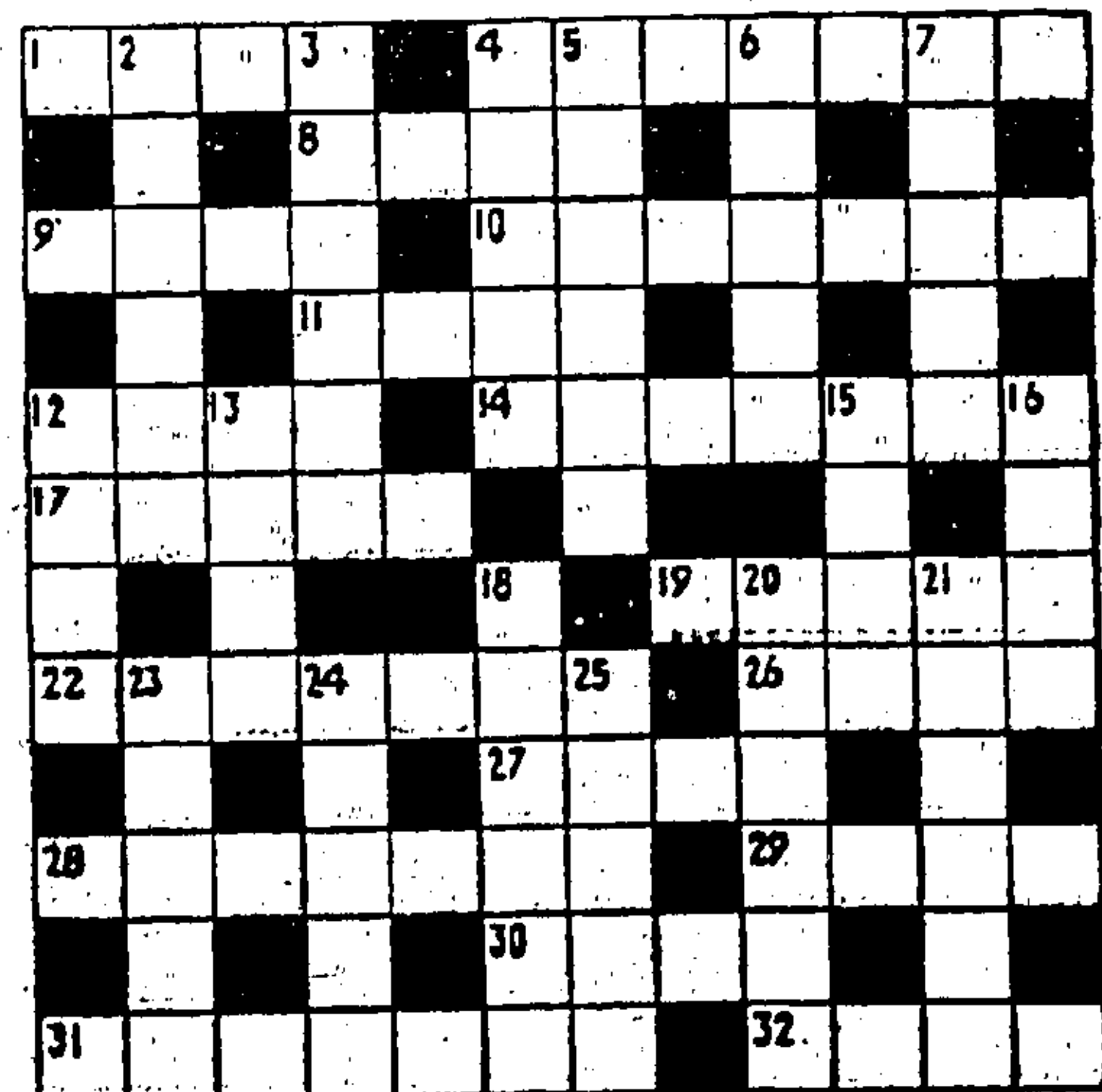
SUPPORTS JAPAN

"The United States Government supports the Japanese Government's denial of the legal right of the Soviet Government to the Habomai Islands."

"In filing the present application the United States Government is pursuing the policy of exhausting every available legal means including the presentation of claims in the International Court of Justice in order to bring an end to lawless attacks upon United States military aircraft and their crews."—Reuter.

Paris, June 7. The France-Liaison negotiations with regard to the purchase by India of 80 French-built Mystere jet fighter planes are progressing favourably, informed sources said today. These sources said some details remain to be ironed out on the purchase of these planes, which are earmarked for the Indian Air Force.—France-Press.

A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**
- Cook (4).
 - Advantageous purchase (7).
 - Burden (4).
 - Operatic song (4).
 - Sensationality (7).
 - Slagger (4).
 - Breakwater (4).
 - Thoroughfares (7).
 - Got up (5).
 - Bet (5).
 - Cover (7).
 - Outlet (4).
 - Kernel (4).
 - Naval rank (7).
 - Put to flight (4).
 - Dextrous (7).
 - Interference (7).
 - Outhouse (4).
- DOWN**
- Disgust (6).
 - Blazes up (6).
 - Burdles (5).
 - Grown-ups (6).
 - Dirt (5).
 - Creek (5).
 - Disfigure (4).
 - Solitary (4).
 - Border (4).
 - Species (4).
 - Ten-year period (6).
 - Wards off (6).
 - Tolerate (6).
 - Fence of bushes (5).
 - Scottish landowner (5).
 - Actors parts (5).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 1 Priest, 5 Melia, 8 Carol, 9 Mishap, 10 Nitre, 11 Retic, 12 Elch, 13 Titha, 16 Re-mote, 18 Reader, 20 Deeds, 22 Stem, 23 Icing, 25 Quota, 26 Deacon, 27 Ellen, 28 Seeds, 29 Revers, Down: 1 Pampered, 2 Insecure, 3 Scar, 4 Tapered, 5 Monitor, 6 Elch, 7 Torch, 14 Tentacle, 15 Examines, 16 Rascals, 17 Meander, 18 Edited, 21 Elude, 24 Gene.

HEAVY PROGRAMME FOR NEHRU

Moscow, June 7.

A visit to the heroic city of Stalingrad, which had to be rebuilt because of war damage, and to the Moscow underground railway will be features of Indian Premier Jawaharlal Nehru's current visit to the Soviet Union.

The details of Mr. Nehru's talks with the Soviet leaders had not yet been fixed, but the remainder of his programme included:

Tomorrow: Visit to the Lenin Mausoleum in Moscow, followed by visits to the Kremlin, the Stalino car factory and ballet at the Bolshoi Theatre.

June 8: Visit to the aero factory and the agricultural show. Mr. Nehru may also attend a reception at the British Embassy on the occasion of Queen Elizabeth of England's official birthday. He may also attend a big evening reception at the Kremlin.

UNIVERSITY VISIT

June 10: Visit to Moscow University, to the underground railway, evening "Swan Lake" ballet at the Bolshoi Theatre.

June 11: Leaves for Stalin-grad. Other places to be visited include Yalta, in the Crimea, Tashkent, Uzbekistan, the Altai, where virgin land is being cultivated, the industrial centre of Magnitogorsk and Sverdlovsk.

June 19: Return to Moscow.

June 20: Visit to Leningrad.

June 21: Return to Moscow, evening performance in Nehru's honour at the Gorki Park open air theatre.

June 22: Sightseeing in Moscow.

June 23: Leaves for Warsaw.—France-Press.

Slave Labour Allegations

Geneva, June 7. Mr. Amaras Ariyaratne, Soviet Government delegate at the International Labour Conference, said today that an American Minister's condemnation of slave labour in Communist countries with a charge that slavery existed in the United States.

He told delegates of government, employers and workers here that the American Secretary of Labor, Mr. James Mitchell, had made yesterday a "statement of a two-faced justice of modernized American type."

Mr. Ariyaratne said that in the United States as in no other capitalist country there were

forms of forced labour "strangely intertwined from the most civilized to the most barbaric."

He mentioned "remnants of slavery" in the Southern States, "compulsory use of foreign workers, particularly Mexicans" and discrimination against Negroes.—Reuter.

JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Expert Uses His Hypnotising Skill

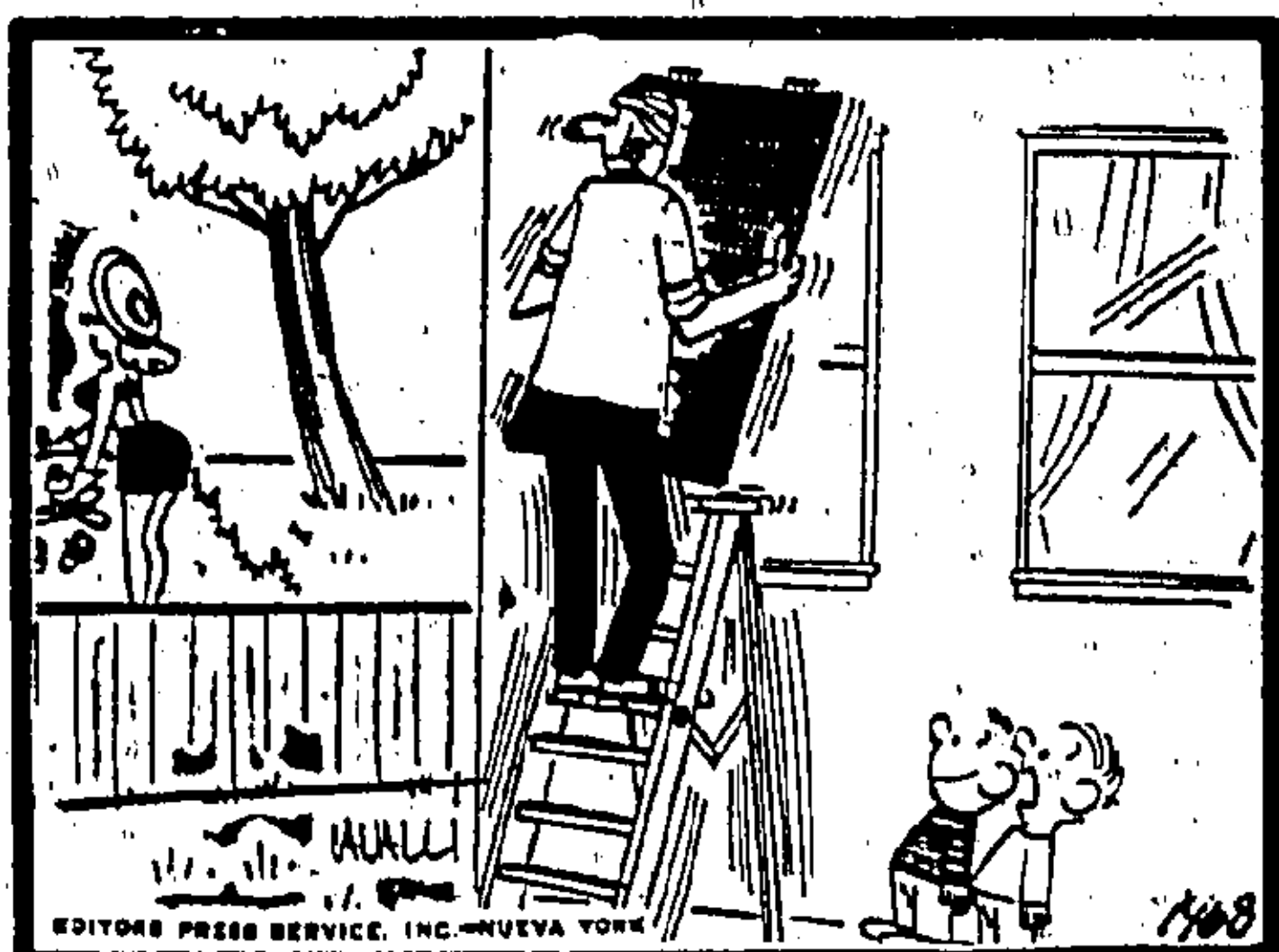
By OSWALD JACOBY

IT'S a bit ambitious to get to game on the North-South cards in today's hand, but every expert has been in many worse contracts. If you happen to bid five clubs, your contract depends on a finesse for the king of clubs. If you get to game in no-trump, instead, you may be able to survive even if you lose the club finesse.

Let's see how you would go about playing the hand at three no-trump. West leads the five of spades, and you see the dummy. You note the fact that the diamonds are rather dangerous, but you keep a poker face and play a low spade from the dummy.

East plays the ten, and you take the trick with the jack of spades and enter dummy with a heart in order to take the club finesse.

West naturally wins with the king of clubs, and here's where



"Here comes the part I was telling you about."

TARGET

U	A	F
E	E	L
T	C	F

HOW many words of four letters or more can you make from the letters in the square on the left? In making each word the letters must be used in the same order as they appear in the square. Each of the small squares may be used once only. Each word must contain the large letter in the centre.

YOUR BIRTHDAY

By STELLA

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8

BORN today, you are apt to be a long way on the road to success. The stars have given you an abundance of talent—almost too much versatility—for your own best good. Select some one thing as your major objective and go ahead with that until you have reached your objective. If you try to do too many things at one time, you may find your efforts are ineffective.

Among those born on this date are: Frank Lloyd Wright, architect; Samuel Bowles, publisher; Robert Schumann, composer; Robert Stevenson, inventor; Admiral David Porter, U.S. Navy; Henry C. Trumbull, author; Thomas Sully, artist; Charles A. Wickliffe, jurist.

To find what the stars have in store for you tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

THURSDAY, JUNE 9

the job, but keep it up; don't lose interest before the job is done.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)—Being independent is a good idea most of the time, but occasionally co-operation pays dividends, too.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—You should hold to a fairly regular pattern of routine, but it does not help to vary it now and then.

Just now.

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)—Be sure that you are selective if offered more than one opportunity. Take the best one.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)—Discussion can sometimes become acrimonious but a display of diplomacy can avoid an argument.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—If you are astute, you can adjust personal matters to suit any series of circumstances.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—Do not become irritated at a minor delay. It is only temporary and will adjust itself.

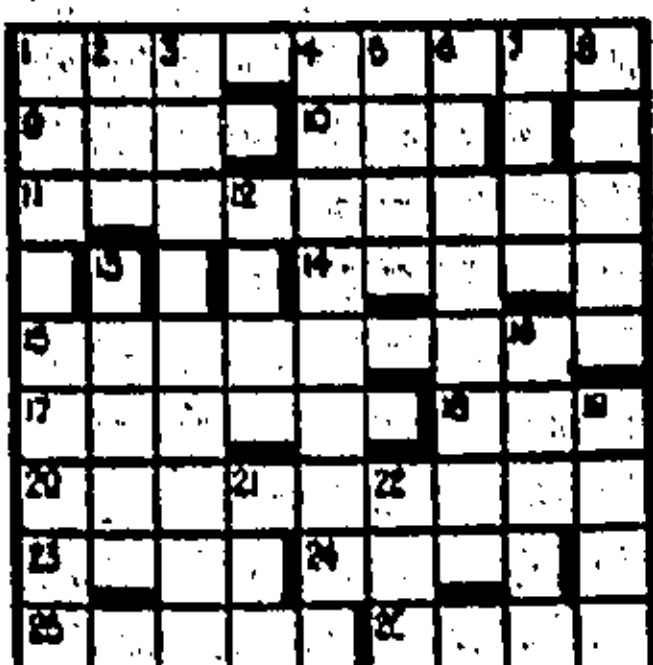
AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—This is likely to be a really busy day; get an early start so that you can get a lot done.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)—Enthusiasm is a good thing on

today.

Answer Tomorrow

CROSSWORD



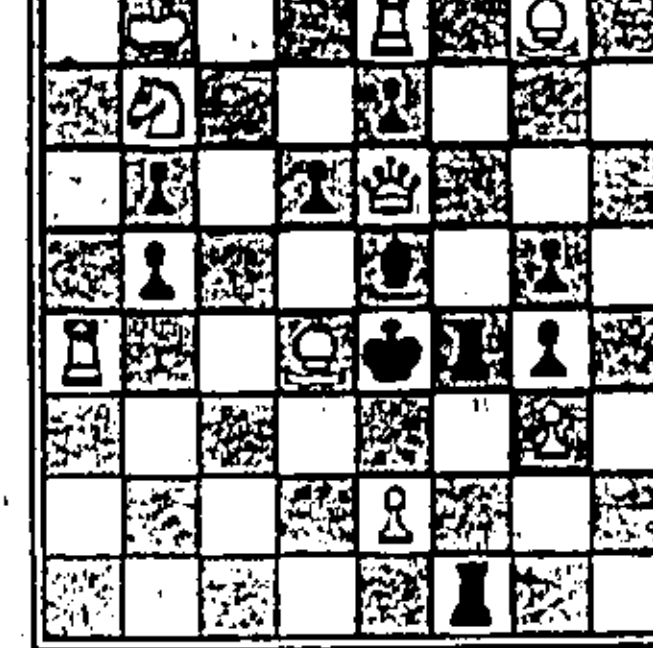
- Across
1. A nurse must do, and a man on some work may make. (4)
 2. The approach to the mine is on the level—almost. (6)
 3. The quarters were. (5)
 4. Saint has a tale mixed up. (7)
 5. Don is a head with me inside. (6)
 6. Weather man makes this kind of mad. (4, 6)
 7. Old Spanish one is celebrated. (6)
 8. Light and fantastic said the poet. (7)
 9. Chain this—for so describing a heel? (9)
 10. Eight dance it in Southern. (4)
 11. The Norfolk town starts off. (6)
 12. From the masters? (5)
 13. The true, the. And. (4)
 14. The true, the. (4)

- Down
1. Is this vehicle always driven by a girl in a black dress? (8)
 2. The girl in a black dress. (8)
 3. Torpedo to. (8)
 4. They may be a summer-time. (4, 6)
 5. Old King pattern of music. (4)
 6. In a. (4)
 7. Not particularly well. (4)
 8. The top is circus one. (4)
 9. Suitable for the gender as well. (8)
 10. The. (4)
 11. and now best to cook them both. (5)
 12. The. (4)
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 27. The. (4)
 28. The. (4)
 29. The. (4)
 30. The. (4)

CHESS PROBLEM

By T. BLISTIN

Black, 10 pieces.



White, 9 pieces.

White to play; mate in two.

Solution to yesterday's problem:

1. Q-K6; threat 2. Q-B4. 1... BxQ; 2. B-R5; 1... RxB; 2. R-Q2 (ch).

WOMANSENSE

Pretty Poplin Dress



Horrorches tangerine poplin summer dress has an all over pattern of delicate tracery of black leaves. The rounded neckline is outlined in black which is complemented by the low waist trimmings.—Express Photo.

HOUSEHOLD HINTS

Clothespins need an occasional dunking in soapy water so they won't soil clothes.

Warm water is better than cold for sprinkling clothes. It seems to have more penetrating qualities.

To remove iron rust stains from material, wash the garment with soap and water, rinse well, then bleach in the sun.

Add a few drops of kerosene to the water used for cleaning windows. This helps prevent spotting from rain.

Put flour and seasonings into an empty shortening tin to flour meats before frying. Put sev-

STUFF NATURE'S "CASSEROLES"

By Alice Denhoff

"CASSEROLES" that grow on vines and bushes are tomatoes, green peppers, cucumbers and summer squash. Hollow out these natural "casseroles," fill them with a savoury meat stuffing, and there you are with Nature's baking dishes!

Basic meat stuffing is given first for tomatoes.

Wash 6 large ripe tomatoes and remove stem end. Carefully insert teaspoon and hollow out centre. Mix tomato pulp, 1 lb. ground beef, 1/2 c. soft bread crumbs, 1/2 c. tomato juice and 1 slightly beaten egg. With a fork lightly stir in 2 tsp. minced onion, 1 tsp. chopped parsley, 1/2 tsp. salt, 1/2 tsp. pepper and 1/4 tsp. dry mustard. Pile stuffing in tomatoes. Place on shallow pan and bake at 375° F. for 45 minutes.

To stuff green peppers, wash 6 medium green peppers. Cut thin slice from stem end and remove seeds; parboil peppers 5 to 10 minutes. Dice green pepper tops and add to basic meat stuffing. Proceed as with stuffed tomatoes.

★

To stuff summer squash, wash 2 medium squash. Parboil 15 minutes. Cut lengthwise slice from side of squash. Scoop out pulp with teaspoon, leaving shell 1/4-in. thick. Dice pulp and add to basic meat stuffing, then proceed as in stuffed tomato recipe. For 3 servings, slice each squash in thirds.

To stuff 3 medium cucumbers, parboil 10 minutes. Cut lengthwise slice from side of cucumber. Scoop out pulp with teaspoon, leaving shell 1/4-in. thick. Dice pulp, add to meat stuffing, proceed as for tomato recipe.

In the same vein but on a different plane is a Shrimp-Cabbage Salad that uses a hollowed-out raw cabbage.

Remove outer leaves from 1 medium cabbage; wash cabbage.

well. Cut slice from top. Hollow out cabbage by cutting with a sharp knife around cabbage 1/2 in. from edge. Cut inside section in wedges, remove core and chop. Combine with 2 (8-oz.) tins of shrimps (or use equal amount of fresh shrimps, shelled and cooked) drained and coarsely broken, 2 tsp. each salad oil and lemon juice, 1 tsp. cider vinegar and 4 tsp. mayonnaise. Place in cabbage shell. Chill several hours so filling will be firm enough to slice. To serve, cut in crescent-shaped pieces. Makes 6 servings.

Tinted Cigarettes A New Fad

New York. It took a man to start a new fad among housewives. Women all over the country—some from as far away as Bermuda and Hawaii—are ordering cigarettes tinted to match or blend either with their party frock or room decor.

The idea of the pastel coloured cigarettes originated with Nat Sherman, a New York tobacconist, who credits a congressman's wife with helping the fad spread rapidly.

Sherman said he'd been making the coloured cigarettes for several years and in most cases was selling them to men who wanted unusual gifts for their wives or sweethearts.

Then recently Mrs. Daniel J. Flood, wife of a Democratic congressman from Pennsylvania, showed up at a Washington party with orchid-coloured cigarettes to match her violet dress. United Press reported the incident.

Sherman said then the boom was on. Women want the pastels for bridge lunches, teas, weddings and engagement parties. One customer ordered cigarettes tinted to match the pastels of her bridesmaids' gowns.—United Press.

Nylons: how to make them last

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BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

All About Whistles

—There Are Too Many in the World to Count—

By MAX TRELL

KNARF, the shadow-boy with the turned-about name, was walking down the street. It was a lovely morning. The sun was shining and the birds were chirping. And Knarf was blowing a whistle.

"Peep!" went the whistle. "Peep-peep!"

Knarf suddenly stopped. For around the corner was a man playing a street organ. He turned a handle round and round. Knarf stopped blowing his whistle to listen to the music of the hand organ.

The man playing the hand organ finally stopped turning the handle.

"My organ is a whistle, too," he said. "Just look!"

With that the man lifted the top of the hand organ. Knarf looked down and saw a cluster of little whistles.

"Sometimes all the whistles whistle together," said the man. "Sometimes they whistle one at a time. Each of the whistles has a different sound, some high and some low."

The man shut the top again and played another song. All the whistles inside the organ whistled! Knarf joined in with too. He blew on his whistle too.

A Giant Whistle

All at once, there was a great, loud, rough, roaring whistle. It came from down by the river.

"Now there," said the man, "is really a big whistle. It's bigger than all my hand-organ whistles together. It's bigger than your little whistle. It's a steamboat whistle!"

"How many whistles are there," asked Knarf, "in all the world?"

"Well," said the man, "I once started to count them. It happened one night when I was lying in my bed trying to fall asleep."

"Did you count them all?" asked Knarf.

"I don't think so," said the man. "I thought of all the boys and girls who had little whistles. Then I thought of all the policemen that had big brass whistles. Then I thought of all the steamboats that had big iron whistles. Then I thought of all the locomotives and all the factories that had whistles made of goodness-knows-what."

The organ-grinder-man stopped to catch his breath, for he had really been talking very fast.

Always One More.

He continued: "Then I thought of all the peanut whistles in the world and all the bird whistles and all the cricket and toad whistles. I thought of the tea-kettle whistles and the winds that went whistling through the trees. Then I got out a long piece of paper and added them all up."

"How many were there?" asked Knarf.

"Millions!" said the man. "Millions, and billions and trillions! It was such a big number that when I looked at

it I whistled! . . . and that made it one more, and the more I looked at it, the more it kept becoming; so no matter how much it was, it was one more."

"My goodness!" said Knarf. And he whistled.

"That makes it two more," said the man.

So Knarf said good-bye to the man and walked home, still blowing on his whistle, still more and more whistles in a world that was already filled with millions and billions and trillions of whistles, and one more.

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Rupert and the Cold-cure—13



Rather sadly Rupert folds the piece of paper and slips it into his pocket. "If there's no writing on it it can't be the piece that the Professor was looking for," he thinks. Before long he reaches Bill's cottage and his pal welcomes him joyfully. "I've been feeling

poorly. Mummy thinks I'm starting a cold," says Bill. "I'll be more fun now you're here. Yes, and I may be able to cure you," Rupert smiles. He puts one of the Professor's tablets into Bill's hand and tells how he met the Professor and his servant.

BY THE WAY

by Beachcomber

THE question now arises: Is a councillor justified in reading the bumps on a fellow-councillor's head during a meeting in the town hall?

Only if he is a phrenologist, you reply. A councillor has ruled that two of his councillors must sit apart from each other in future because one of them, who is an amateur phrenologist, was accused of "making rude remarks about the shape of his colleagues' heads."

One can imagine the chairman's annoyance when a discussion on the estimates for a television hotel is interrupted by a voice saying, "That ugly lump on the left side of Councillor Faraday's head is either the result of a perpetual designing bridge, or a thought of Mr. P. G. Wodehouse's housebreaker who was advised, to say that he was a veterinary surgeon. 'Suck a pencil and try to smell of iodotorm'."

Another fracas

THE actresses hit back again yesterday. Advancing on a crowd which had collected to

see them, they thrust autograph books at them, tore their clothes, trod on their feet, knocked their hats off, dragged them to and fro, shouting hysterically all the time. Finally, the police intervened and the actresses were persuaded to go away quietly.

No wonder

A MINUTEMAN Suet poll, conducted in districts where the percentage of fleeing voters is in inverse ratio to the effect of three-cornered contests in marginal constituencies, reveals, as Mrs. Mulkitude told a mass meeting, that a nine percent swingover to one party does not necessarily mean a nine percent swingover from any other party. What she calls the distributive switch from one or more parties to another party must be set against the total figure. For instance, a three percent Social-

ist lead in a four-candidate constituency may be increased, in proportion by the division and distribution of the supporters of the three other candidates.

Competition

WOULD you rather sift torn blotting-paper through a broken tambourine and prop a mole's jaws open with a walnut, or prop a mole's jaws open with a broken tambourine and sift walnuts through torn blotting-paper? Mark your envelopes "Sonia."

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THEY ALL PRAISE HUTTON

No Tonic And Incentive Like Beating Australia

London. Praise for Len Hutton, the English cricket captain, is given by the former Test player, Ian Peebles, in his book "The Ashes" (published by Hodder and Stoughton), the journalist-commentator, John Arlott, in "Australian Test Journal" (published by the Phoenix Sports books series) and the cricketer-journalist, E. M. Wellings, in "The Ashes Retained" (published by Evans Brothers, London).

All three books deal with the successful 1954-55 tour of the England team in Australia which resulted in the Ashes being brought back again to England.

In "The Ashes," Peebles goes into considerable detail about the English skipper and concludes with this verdict: "It would be fair judgment, I should think, to say that Hutton would not go down to history as one of the great leaders but as a straight-

forward practitioner who did a very good job. His record is excellent by very few of his predecessors." "He failed as a batsman, but had a fine tour as captain... If one man is to take credit for the win, it must be Hutton."

Wellings declares: "Hutton did a fine job. No captain can please everyone all the time, but in the long run he is to be judged by results, and on that basis Hutton was a magnificent success. His results entitle him to be ranked among the very best of England's captains."

Of the tour in general, Peebles writes: "Even if we have several urgent requirements there is no tonic and incentive like beating Australia."

LUCKIER THAN AUSTRALIA

Arlott says: "England may be happy but not confident. Much remains to be done, for I fear that Bradman's 1948 Australians would have torn this side to ribbons. Fortunately there seem to be many promising young players in English cricket at the moment—we are luckier than Australia."

Wellings sums up: "Of the future it is possible for an Englishman to talk with confidence. Australian cricket faces difficult problems for it is suffering from several forms of neglect not least of the laws of the game."

The three books will appeal to rather different classes of reader. The man who wants to delve into great detail as to the reasons for England's success will probably read "The Ashes" to get the views of a famous cricketer. Those who want a straight account of what happened on the tour, a diary of the tour, will probably turn to Arlott. While those who want a forthright account of what went on and the straight from the shoulder views of a man who is not afraid to say exactly what he thinks will read Wellings.

Essays on sport are rare, and rarer still when they come from the pen of a Member of Parliament. The sport-loving public have been given the chance to look back on sport in the past decade in the chronicles of J. P. W. Mallalieu, in his "Sporting Days" (published in the Phoenix Sports Books series—15s).

There is something in its 48 chapters for nearly every fan whether his (or her) interest be football, rugby, cricket, billiards, boxing, racing under both codes, lawn tennis or even Irish hurling.

The book is not one for the reference library. These are a collection of essays written at different times and now issued in book form. They are light and human, and at the same time controversial. Indeed they are just the thing for short train journeys—and longer ones too, if one can find a fellow traveller to cross swords with some of Mr. Mallalieu's comments on such diverse things as sportsmanship, the "bottle" between the two Rugby codes, Union and League, the allocation of Cup Final tickets and BBC commentators. — China Mail Special.

Bobby Locke Chases British Golf Honours

By DEREK JOHN

At two o'clock today a heavily-built, heavy-jawed figure will stride up to the first tee of Berkshire's picturesque Sunningdale golf course. Carefully addressing the ball he will open his broad shoulders and put all his fourteen stone plus into a mighty drive that will swallow up most of the 456 yards first hole.

So the first shot will have been fired in Bobby Locke's one-man war on British golf.

Regularly Locke, South Africa's greatest gift to golf, comes to Britain intent on playing good golf and winning prizes. Regularly he succeeds. Three times in four years he returned as Britain's Open Champion.

Now he is here again with his eyes on the bigger tournament prizes and, of course, the Open. His first target is the £2000 which Dukes offer to the player completing 72 holes of the Sunningdale Old and New courses in the lowest number of strokes.

It is a record which Locke will start favourite. But he will find his British opponents in even more determined mood than usual. For this season, besides playing for cash, home players compete for Ryder Cup places.

Biggest challenge may come from Britain's younger brigade, Irishman Cyril O'Connor, who last month won British golf's first-ever £1,000 prize at Southport. Scotsman Eric Brown, who revels in tough going, and the youngest of them all, 24-year-old Peter Allis, who, benefiting from wintering in America, has won one of this year's three major tournaments and come fifth in another.

— If they fall there are still the "old hands" like Henry Cotton, Max Faulkner, Dai Rees, Fred Daly and Harry Weetman, to keep the home flag flying. But still I fancy Locke will be equal to them and begin his British season with victory.



TERRY MOORE

Harry Wragg Has Good Line To Immortal

By RICHARD BAERLEIN

The Royal Hunt Cup, over One Mile, is the most intriguing race at Ascot (June 15) for many backers, and a market has already been formed on the race, naming Alf's Caprice, Royal Palm and Turk's Blood the three favourites at 14-1.

Improving four-year-olds are the ideal for this handicap, and there can be no better example of this than Colorado Kid, Fairplay and Caerlepton, who won just before the war. The point is to find a similar type.

The obvious horse in this category this year is Alf's Caprice and he will be trying to equal the record of Fairplay, who in 1937 won the Victoria Cup and then the Hunt Cup with 8st. 3lb. Alf's Caprice has 8st.

Alf's Caprice is improving fast enough to defeat any handicapper, though Mr. Geoffrey Freer has been quite severe on him for his three-quarters of a length victory in the Victoria Cup.

The one point against Alf's Caprice is whether he will last out the final furlong.

The Hunt Cup this year is run over the full mile and is 65 yards longer than hitherto. It will be an equally testing course and perhaps the time will be even slower than that of the old Hunt Cup.

On the new five-furlong course at Ascot the race from the start to the winning post will be six foot less than of old.

Derek Morgan As 12th Man For England

London, June 7. The MCC announced today that Derek Morgan, the Derbyshire all-rounder, will be the 12th man for England against South Africa on the last three days of the Test match, which starts next Thursday at Nottingham.

Arthur Milton (Gloucestershire) was appointed 12th man. Derek Morgan was chosen last Sunday. He will now be released on Friday so that he can play against Glamorgan at Swansea on Saturday.

The South African team will not be named until the morning of the match.

Two-Day Cricket Again Washed Out

Montego Bay, Jamaica.

Heavy rain again prevented play here today on the second day of the two-day match between the touring Australian cricketers and a team captained by George Headley, the former West Indies Test batsman. Play was also completely washed out yesterday.

The Australian captain, Ian Johnson, has agreed to play tomorrow if conditions improve. But the fixture would be confined to one day as the Australians leave here tomorrow night for Kingston, where the fifth and final Test against the West Indies begins on Saturday. Australia have already won the Test series.—Reuter.

Drop This Posing, Terry Moore!

Says KEN SMITH

Terry Moore is a naive, pretty, petite Hollywood starlet who is in England making her first British film, "Portrait of Alison."

Miss Moore is also fast becoming a bit of a bore. Since her arrival less than a month ago she has been photographed embracing Johnnie Ray and holding hands with French actor Daniel Cauchy.

Both pictures appeared in the newspapers with reported rumours of an impending engagement. Both of these were vociferously denied by Miss Moore.

Since then Johnnie Ray has got himself engaged to an English girl.

Now Miss Moore is complaining about what she terms: "Bad, silly newspaper stories." She has also taken the trouble to write to one of the top Hollywood gossip columnists telling her to disregard anything she may see in print referring to Miss Moore's friendship with the opposite sex.

Might I therefore suggest to the young lady that she either refrain from posing with various men for the photographers—at the same time uttering those well-chosen words of all film starlets: "We are just good friends"—or else she issues us all with a list of runners in the matrimonial stakes. Then, like a race-card, we will be able to pick our own favourite.

In America Miss Moore makes a steady habit of being photographed with various men. In fact her newspaper appearances are much more frequent than her screen appearances.

PIN-UP ART

Among the people with whom she is reported to have "romanced" are Robert Wagner, Rock Hudson, Nicky Hilton, Jacques Sernas and Tyrone Power.

Last week she paraded her latest good friend whom she discovered in Cannes, Parisian Daniel Cauchy. To quote Miss Moore: "The greatest young actor in France."

In a baggy roll-necked sweater, Monsieur Cauchy looked like a fugitive from the film "Moby Dick." Miss Moore, hardly looking like a fugitive from publicity, proceeded to spend fully ten minutes rearranging her lipstick in the busy lounge of the Dorchester Hotel.

Had I not read Miss Moore's own words, that although she is a Mormon she does not believe in the practice of polygamy, I could have been forgiven for thinking that her penchant for those photographer's poses springs from there.

Actually her marriage to footballer Glenn Davis ended in 1951 after 15 months. "He detested anyone in films," she said.

Although she won an Oscar nomination for her performance in "Come Back Little Sheba" she is better known for her decorative qualities, her 150 sweaters, her pin-up art and the fact that she posed for the soldiers in Korea in an ermine swimsuit.

When she first arrived in London she told me that she "wanted to go in for more serious stuff, such as Shakespeare." In fact she said her spare moments from filming would be devoted to Shakespeare and speech training.

I suggest she does just that. We've enough Moorelark for this trip.

SCRIPT CHANGES

It seems that the British film which Audrey Hepburn was to make under her one-year agreement with Associated British is further off than ever. Next month she starts filming in Rome with husband Mel Ferrer in "King Victor's production of Tolstoy's War and Peace."

Audrey will have the role of Natasha and Mel that of Andre, the suitor who loses her to Pierre, a role yet to be filled by a top American star.

The consensus of opinion is that husband Mel has some very decided views on his wife's career. After reading the script of "War and Peace" he asked for—and got—several changes made before allowing Audrey to sign.

The fact that the two film scripts submitted by A.B.C. to Audrey did not have parts for her husband influenced her decision not to make the pictures.

For Mr. Ferrer made no secret of the fact that he wanted to film the stage success "Ondine," thus repeating their Broadway success on the screen. Unfortunately the author's copyright demands were too high.

Now, as soon as she finishes "War and Peace," Audrey will play both the heroine Olivia and her brother Sebastian in Joseph Mankiewicz's film version of Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night," scheduled for shooting in Italy.

LONDON FIRST?

John Patrick, author of one of the best shows in London, Teahouse of the August Moon, is now busy transcribing Charles Dickens' "Bleak House" into a play.

Tyson And Statham Now, Statham And Trueman Later?

By ARCHIE QUICK

The wisest words I have heard made about England Test Match teams of the near future—and by that I mean against the touring South Africans—were said by the old England opener and present Lancashire captain Cyril Washbrook in the Surrey-Lancashire match at the Oval.

"Frank Tyson and Brian Statham may be our shock attack for the opening Test at Nottingham," he said "but I expect it to be Statham and Freddie Trueman before the summer is out." Cyril added that he foresees that Tony Lock will supplant Johnny Wardle as the England left-arm spinner.

This may seem hard on Tyson after his "typhoon" successes in Australia, but Washbrook does not think he will be so effective in this country, especially if we are to have a wet summer. Statham, he thinks is the best of all our fast bowlers and Trueman has more "bite" and hostility under all conditions than Tyson.

Bad Weather Fails To Stop Marksmen

The inclement weather did not deter keen shooters from attending the bi-monthly practice shoot held by the Association at Kai Tak last Sunday.

Rain fell throughout the morning, and with variable winds, strong and gusty at times and visibility often reduced to a minimum, good shooting was difficult. The scores returned were below average.

The Hon. M. W. Turner, President of the Hongkong Rifle Association paid a visit to the Range and took a keen interest in the shooting.

The following are the results:

Wm. K. Y. Du, HKRF, (84); Li H. J. Open-Snellie, HKRF, (71); L. Karpovich, HKRF, (58); C. C. Ho, CIV, (64); W. Mok, Gullies, HKRF, (61); Wong, HKRF, (61); O. R. Sedick, SC, (61); R. R. Chan, HKRF, (71).

Class (B). Y. K. Leung, HKRF, (87); M. Lada Young, HKRF, (84); M. C. Silva, DP, (70); J. W. Devanah, HKRF, (70); T. Kwan, SC, (48); J. R. R. Chan, HKRF, (71).

Class (C). K. Howard, HKRF, (80); R. Noddings, HKRF, (70); Chan Chor-chai, HKRF, (71); N. Wai-kee, HKRF, (71); A. Aded, HKRF, (58); C. C. Ho, HKRF, (70); Chau Ping-ming, HKRF, (67); Mond Hassan, HKRF, (64); Lin Q. Wong, HKRF, (80); S. K. Shiu, HKRF, (58); Wong Kwok-ai, HKRF, (40); Yeung Kwok-mat, HKRF, (42); Y. K. Chan, HKRF, (71).

The following are the winners of Spooner, K. Y. Du, J. K. Leung, Morgan and K. Howard.

The next practice shoot will be held at Kai Tak on Sunday, June 13, commencing at 9 a.m. The range will be at 300, 500 and 600 yards.

Asian Football Championship Draw

Manila, June 8. The Philippines yesterday drew Korea in the pairing of matches of the first Asian Football Championships to be held next year in Hongkong.

Other pairings matched Japan against Nationalist China, India against Iran and Pakistan against Israel.

The draw was made at the office of the Foreign Under-Secretary, Raul Manglapus. Present were Chito Calvo, President of the Manila Football League, Lee Wai-ky, Secretary of the Asian Football Federation, Jorge Vargas, President of the Philippine Amateur Athletic Federation, and John Cleland, Vice-President of the Asian Football Federation.—United Press.

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London, June 7.

● Viscount turboprop airliners have already flown more than 25 million miles.
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Comet 4 turbojets, to go into service in 1958, will cruise at 500 miles an hour and will carry nearly 60 passengers on practically all established inter-continental stages, including the few which exceed 2,500 miles.

Viscounts are capturing the airline business in Canada and Australia they operate up to and beyond 90 per cent capacity.

These statements—eloquent of the continuing British contribution to really modern air transport—are taken from the annual statements, just published, of two company chairmen: Sir Ronald Weeks of Vickers and Mr W.E. Nixon of de Havilland.

Commenting on the ability of the Comet 4 to carry capacity payload on practically every inter-continental stage, Mr Nixon says:

"To fulfil this world-wide function economically appears to us more worthwhile than the ability to fly with full load non-stop from London to New York against prevailing westerly winds of both fair and adverse seasons, but even on this route the new Comet, with one half westbound, will probably afford the fastest and favourite means of travel."

Quick To See

"The principal carriers have been quick to see the significance of the capabilities of the Comet 4 and they appreciate the wealth of experience which is being built into it, and to which there is no short cut. No air liner design has been so thoroughly scrutinised and tested, and it is important to recall that the Comet has behind it 30,000 hours of air operation which, apart from the one problem now resolved, was highly satisfactory."

"As a jet-propelled world airliner having the capabilities which I have mentioned we believe that the Comet 4 will be well-timed and sufficiently advanced to have a long career before it. Once again we see the possibility of earning a foothold in the world market for a mainline aircraft, from which the British industry may progress in later years."

"The British industry needs a bigger market for its airliners, that is to say more extensive civil air transport operations under the British flag and a greater use of air transport by the fighting Services. Representations along these lines have been made during the past 20 years. Excellent progress with British jet engines and propeller turbines gives us a real opportunity to break into a monopoly of the world markets for large airliners but, with only a small home market, it is extremely difficult, and a set-back such as we have experienced in pioneering the Comet emphasises the magnitude of the task."

"At last the need for fast air transport in military service, to give mobility to the forces made formidable by the advanced nature of their weapons rather than by their numbers, seems to have recognition. Civil operations likewise need to be expanded if we are to have a fair chance of selling trunk-route airliners abroad."

Vickers Meeting

At the Annual General Meeting of Vickers, the chairman, Sir Ronald Weeks, said: "The Viscounts delivered for service now total 55, and they have flown 84,000 hours or 25 million miles. Each day, Viscounts in airline service fly a distance equivalent to nearly three times round the equator. The successful operation of the aeroplane since British European Airways' commencement in April, 1953, has encouraged old customers to place repeat orders and new customers to come along."

"In order to keep the delivery period down to two years we have again greatly increased the facilities at Hurm, the erecting shop floor space there has been more than doubled during the year, and there will eventually be a potential output from Hurm alone of 10 Viscounts per month. "The order book today for signed contracts exceeds 200; this figure includes the aircraft already delivered, also 22 300-ton BBA—an increase in the BBA order for that aircraft of 10. On April 4, Trans-Canada Air Lines commenced a regular service from Toronto into New York. That the first turbine engine aircraft to operate a re-

gular service into that city should be a British aircraft is an event of which we may well be proud."

"The Viscounts in Australia are going well, the average load factor since their introduction being nearly 90 per cent."

Training Pilots

The manufacturers of the Link Trainer in this country, Air Trainers Ltd, have been developing greatly improved equipment primarily for small airline operators. This is the electro-mechanically operated AT100 Instrument Flying Trainer, which uses a large number of standard Link components, has side-by-side seating, is "twin-engine" and possesses excellent asymmetric flying qualities. It is, therefore, now possible to train first and second pilot together or alternatively, to seat the instructor alongside his pupil.

The Link type of instructor's desk is replaced by the AT500 Automatic Radio Aids. Unit which includes the automatic functioning of a wide variety of radio and navigational aids. The AT100 Type Trainer, which incorporates a new mechanical flight and engine computer system, is a logical development of the standard model. The cockpit layout, instrumentation and flying characteristics conform with those of specific aircraft, and Viscount type trainers are being built for Trans-Canada Air Lines, who have also ordered North Star type trainers, and Capital Airlines.

Air Trainers manufacture a fully electronic simulator which reproduces even more closely an aircraft's flying characteristics. So far, Ambassador and Viscount simulators have been built for British European Airways and the Meteor for the Royal Air Force.

The manufacturers announce that the first standard AT100 and AT500 unit has just been shipped to the Canadian Department of Transport and that the value of orders from the American and Canadian markets for standard and type trainers is already approaching the half million dollar mark. Other orders or firm inquiries have been received from France, India, Australia, Burma, Indonesia, Israel, Pakistan, Holland, South Africa and other countries.

Cosmic Contest

The long-distance airliner of the future may be a rocket-propelled "space hotel," shooting round the world, on express, non-stop schedules, refuelling in mid-air when necessary.

It may be a two-toned double-decker, transparent, for sight-seeing, equipped with two-way T.V. radio and telephone facilities. In addition, of course, to swimming pool, barber shop, beauty parlour, children's play-room and restaurants.

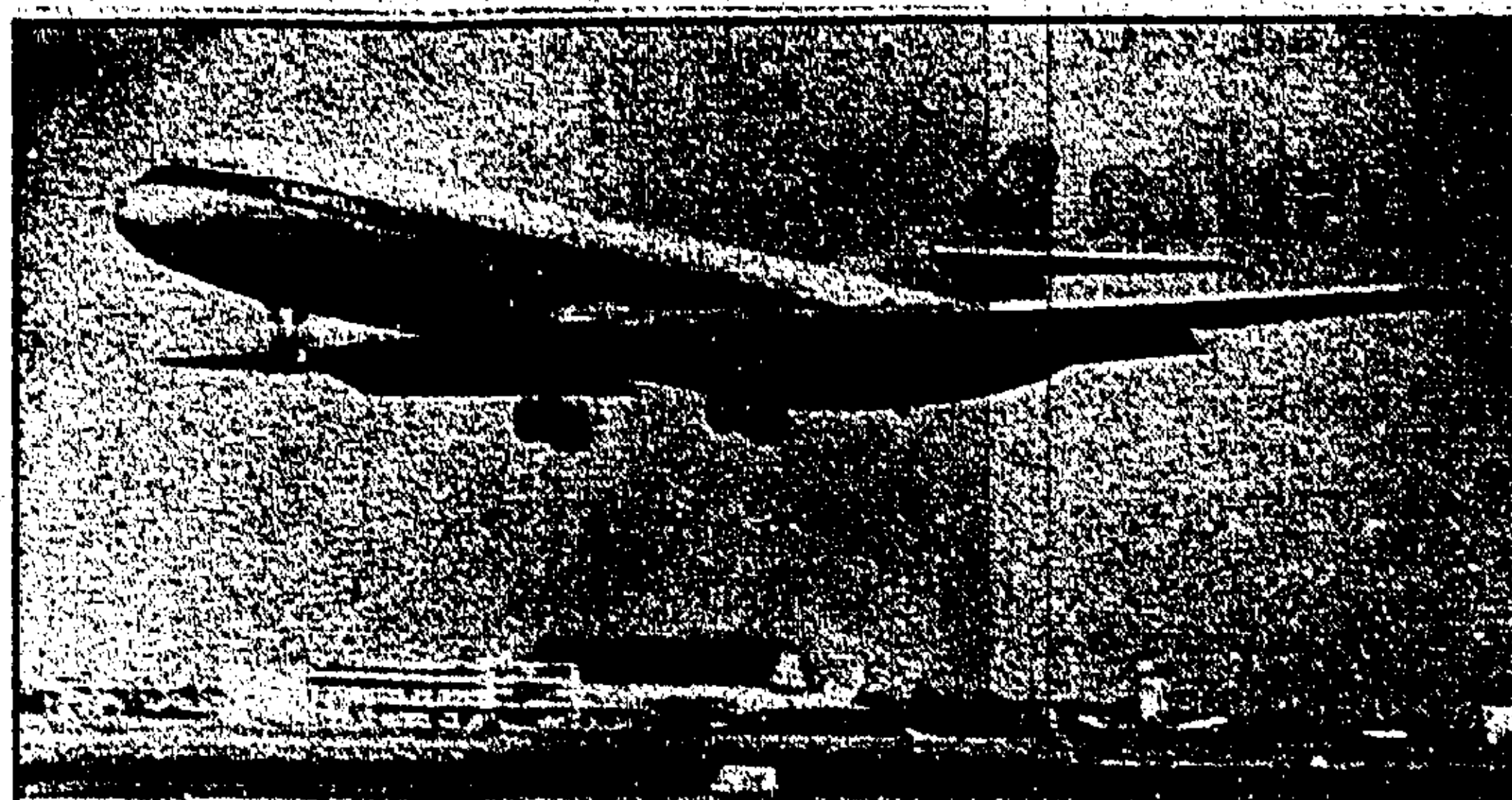
So go some of the predictions of scientists, engineers, housewives, businessmen, and 12-year-old boys in entries already submitted to TWA's Cosmic Contest, which has but two months longer to run. Vying for a \$50,000 prize, payable in 1965 for the prediction that comes closest to what airline travel will be like in that year, are several thousand enthusiastic oldsters and youngsters from nearly all 48 states, the District of Columbia and Hawaii, locally, and from many foreign countries.

Many of these amateur "science fiction" writers, in 200 words or less, see short air trips of the future in trans-Atlantic and trans-Pacific air ferries which will leave every hour on the hour. No reservations will be needed, for fares will be paid as the passengers enter via turnstile, or an air-conductor on board will collect.

Pill Meals

Food service—some guess—will range from large cafeteria style to pill form. Self-service vending machines will be handy for snacks, cooking—full-meals aboard will be accomplished by atomic heat.

Metropolitan "air parks" will take care of the traffic on the ground, station to house-door "helitaxis" will service the air terminals, and squads of aerial traffic cops on patrol will handle air traffic around the larger cities.



a home in one part of the world with office and work in another.

Trans World Airways, sponsoring the Cosmic Contest, as part of its 30th anniversary celebration, has already received the suggestion that its corporate name be changed in 1955 to "Trans Universe Airways."

Midnight, July 31, 1955, is the postmark deadline for all predictions, which must be in TWA headquarters for micro-filming and storing away by August 31.

A numbered postcard is the entrant's receipt for his cosmic prediction, which he may either staple to his will, place in a safe deposit box, or tuck under the mattress for the next three decades.

Part 1 of the Cosmic Contest offers another \$50,000 in prize money for the best 30-word statement on the merits of air travel. Closer at hand, this prize money will be awarded before 1955 is out.

RN FLYING TROOPERS

London, June 7.
The Royal Navy has organised a flying troopship service to carry relief crews by special airliners out to ships serving in the Far East, prolonging the operational career of warships abroad and saving them thousands of miles of travel.—China Mail Special.

The prototype of the Caravelle, the new French airliner, seen during its first flight over Toulouse. Powered by two Rolls-Royce jet engines, it weighs about 40 tons and can carry 10 passengers. Departing from usual procedure, the jets are placed well in the rear.

—Central Press Photo.

Menon Going To Montreal

London, June 7.
Mr Krishna Menon, India's chief delegate to the United Nations, will leave here tomorrow night for Montreal to attend the International Control Commission for Indo-China, it was announced here tonight. Mr Menon will subsequently return to New York.

Well informed sources here believed that the Indian roving ambassador will travel to Washington to inform the Secretary of State, Mr John Foster Dulles, of his recent talks with the Chinese Communist Premier, Mr Chou En-lai.

The talks were believed to have touched on the Formosan problem and the question of the release of the remaining United States airmen imprisoned in China.—France-Press.

Mail Notices

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Formosa, U.S.A., 6 p.m.
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Macao, 6 p.m.
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By Air
Philippines, 5 p.m.
Guam, Hawaii, U.S.A., 2 p.m.
Burma, India, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain, & Europe, 8 p.m.
By Surface
China, People's Republic, 9.30 a.m.
Malaya, S. Africa, (West Africa) 7 p.m. (East Africa) 1 p.m.
Thailand, 1 p.m.
Macao, 2 p.m.
Korea, 2 p.m.
Macao, 8 p.m.

BUSY BOATS

London, June 7.
British lifeboats had their busiest May for 131 years last month, putting to sea 64 times to answer distress calls and saving 80 lives.—China Mail Special.

GERMAN CABINET RESHUFFLED

Bonn, June 7.

Three new West German Cabinet Ministers called on President Theodor Heuss today to be appointed to their new posts and collect the deed of appointment.

They are Dr Heinrich von Brentano, floor leader of the Christian Democrats in the Bundestag (lower house), who succeeds his Party chief, Chancellor Konrad Adenauer, as foreign minister, Herr Theodor Blank, first West German Defence Minister and also a Christian Democrat, and Herr Hans Joachim von Merkatz of the German Party, who succeeds a Party colleague as Minister for Bundesrat (upper house) Affairs.

They will take their oath of office before the Bundestag President, Herr Eugen Gerstenmaier, when the House meets in plenary session tomorrow.

Dr Brentano was already under attack from Herr Herbert Wehner, a leading member of the Social Democratic opposition who charged today that the new Minister did not regard unity as his supreme aim.

OBSTACLE

His recent interview with an American news weekly showed he wanted to make German unity dependent on the inclusion of all Germany in the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation and such a request was an obstacle to successful Four Power talks, Herr Wehner said.

Diplomatic observers here are unanimous in expecting no policy changes from the Cabinet reshuffle. All three of the new Ministers belong to the "younger generation" of Bonn politicians. In appointing them Dr Adenauer has allowed for "pressure from below" on the Government while retaining complete personal control.—Reuter.

New Brunswick, June 7.
Dr Selman A. Waksman, discoverer of streptomycin, said here there was promise of the development of new drugs to combat tumours, viruses, diseases causing fungi and bacteria. Of tumour diseases Dr Waksman said it had been established during the last few years that "some of the antibiotics possess definite anti-tumour properties."—China Mail Special.

AIR CRASH

Directed Down Wrong Runway

London, June 7.
A British European Airways turboprop airliner which crashed with 35 people aboard was accidentally directed to take off on an old disused runway at London airport last January, it was alleged here today.

A court of inquiry was told that the Viscount airliner, bound for Rome, Athens and Istanbul, started off down this runway in foggy weather and having gained considerable speed "suddenly encountered various obstructions and crashed."

Counsel for the Attorney-General, referring to the "unusual circumstances" added that "fortunately one might almost say miraculously although the aircraft was seriously damaged there was no serious injury to the crew or passengers."

Two people were injured in the accident last January 10. The inquiry continues.—China Mail Special.

MANDRAKE THE MAGICIAN

By Lee Falk and Phil Davis



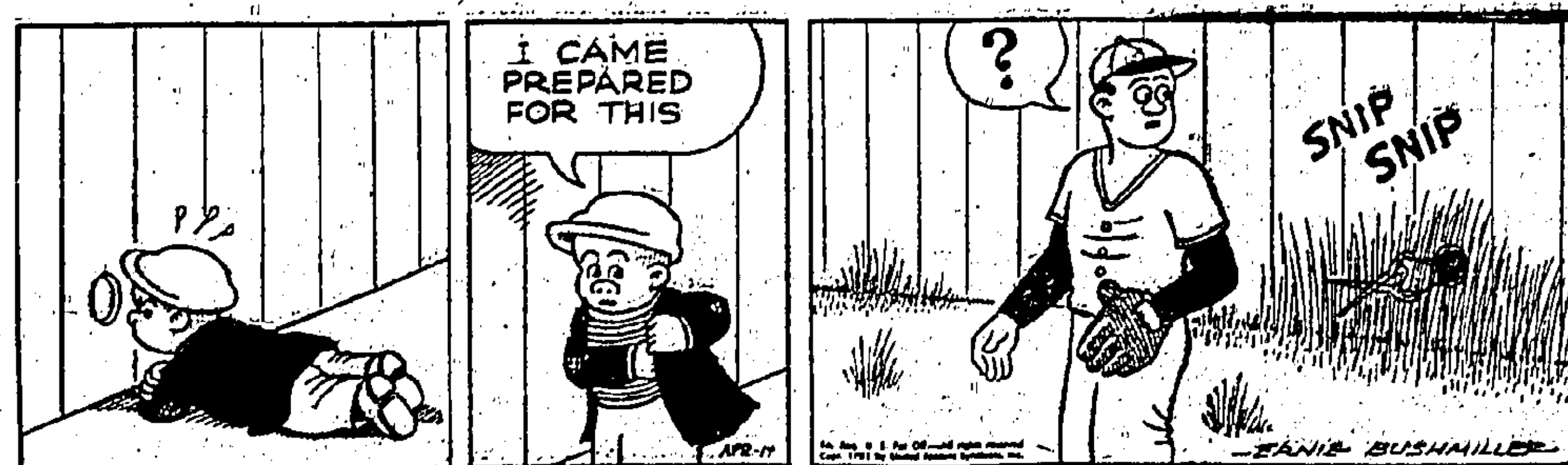
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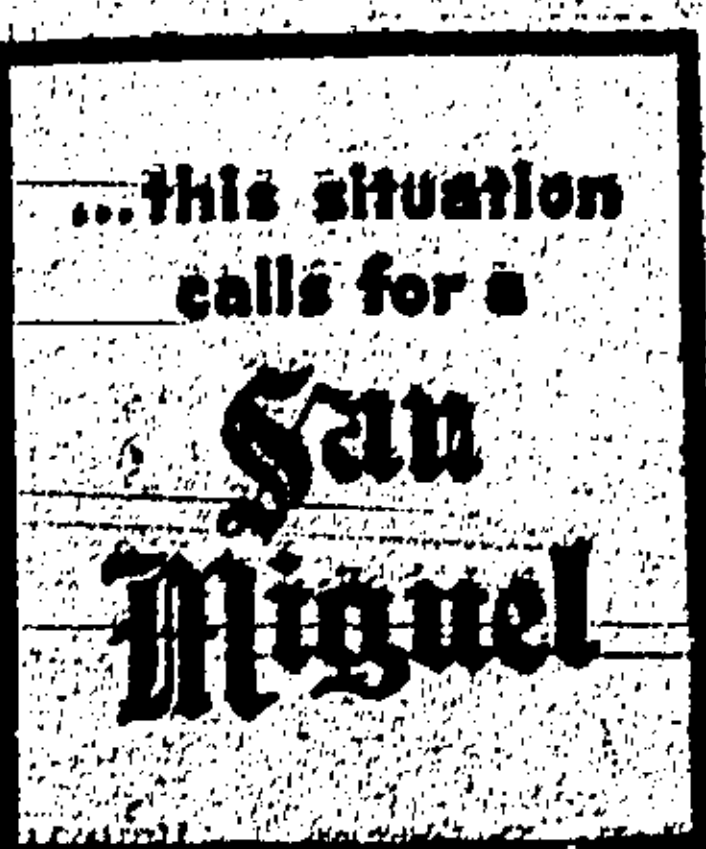
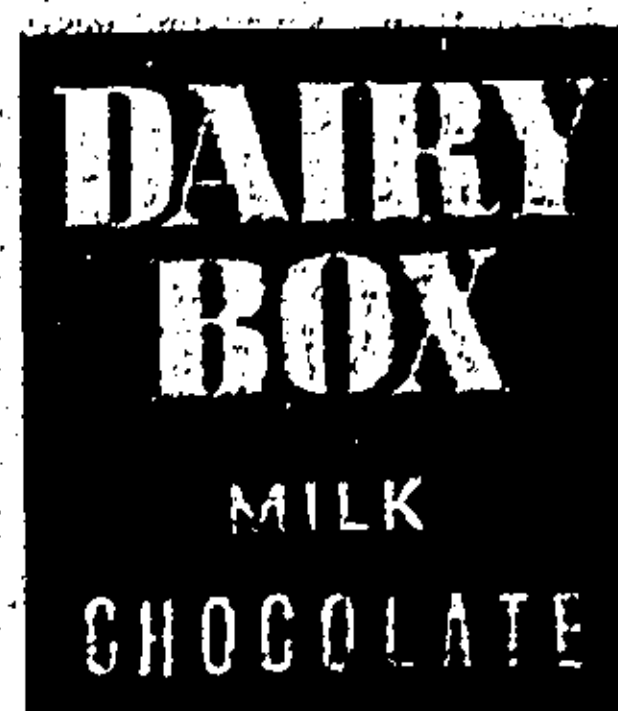
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TOHEROA FACING EXTINCTION

Auckland, June 7. The shellfish toheroa, which, as soup, is New Zealand's best-known contribution to the world's table delicacies, is facing extinction, mainly as a result of careless digging and poaching.

New Zealand gourmets and epicures may search their shops today in vain for a tin of the delicious soup. But Australians are more fortunate, for most of the 1,000 cases produced each year by New Zealand's sole remaining toheroa cannery are sold to Australia.

If New Zealanders want the shellfish badly enough they are at liberty to visit the west coast beaches and dig their own. But under strict Government regulations aimed at preserving the beds, they can take only 20 toheroas per person or 50 per vehicle.

TURNED DOWN

Enquiries from the United States, Europe and Jamaica for tinned toheroas have had to be turned down. The depressing fact is that the supply of the shellfish is not sufficient to support a large canning industry.

The richest source of toheroas before World War II was the Ninety-mile Beach, in the far north of the North Island. Then in the early 1940s something happened there and the shellfish disappeared.

Various theories were advanced for this phenomenon. Some people blamed the war—and oil from the ship Turakina, sunk by a German raider in the Tasman Sea. Others blamed the New Zealand Army for running its heavy vehicles up and down the beach.

The Maoris declare philosophically that toheroas have always "come and gone." Fisheries experts are inclined to agree, pointing to the fact that the toheroas also left the beach in 1870, 1917 and 1932.

TO BE CLOSED

The Toheroa Advisory Committee has now unanimously recommended to the Government Marine Department that the toheroa beds be closed to digging forthwith to prevent further depletion and to protect the young shellfish. It claims that during holidays, cars using the beaches leave them looking like ploughed fields. For every shellfish taken, it says, 20 young ones are destroyed by the digger's neglect to cover them over after taking the larger ones.

Heavy poaching is also playing a part in the gradual extermination of the toheroa. In spite of heavy fines inflicted by the courts, the poachers remain active.

New Zealand's toheroa cannery exists because the beds it exploits under Government licence at Kaipara are treated correctly.

The New Zealand Government has now called for a real effort by everyone to guard the beds and prevent the final extermination of the country's national delicacy.—China Mail Special.

JAPAN'S ACCESSION TO GATT

Washington, June 7. The Assistant Secretary of State for Economic Affairs, Mr. Samuel C. Wright, under authority of President Eisenhower, will sign at Geneva on Wednesday a protocol containing the terms of accession of Japan to GATT (General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade) and embodying the results of tariff negotiations between Japan and contracting countries to the General Agreement, including the United States, the State Department announced.

Tariff negotiations looking toward Japanese accession began at Geneva on February 21 in 1955.

The agreement to the accession of a new country to the General Agreement is by the affirmative vote of a 2 to 3 majority of the 34 contracting parties.

Japan has been participating in the General Agreement on a provisional basis since November 1953.

Detailed information on the results of the negotiations conducted at Geneva will be made public within a few days.—France Press.

TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

Senator Urges Action Against America's Allies

STOP SHIPS GOING TO MAINLAND CHINA

By Herbert Foster

Washington, June 7.

Senator John L. McClellan has called on the State Department to "take some forceful action with our allies" to stop voyages by their merchant ships to China.

Sen. McClellan is Chairman of the Senate Investigation Sub-Committee which is keeping an eye on trade with the Chinese. He said ships flying flags of non-Communist nations made 160 trips in and out of Red China ports in January.

World Cotton Markets

New York, June 7. Quiet and mixed dealings in cotton futures today featured renewed eagerness in new crop October while nearby months held steady.

The October delivery closed 23 points lower while other positions ruled unchanged to 2 points higher. The market opened up 5 to 10 points. New Orleans closed up 4 to 20 points.

Operations continued to be mostly of professional origin with outside traders more interested in the stock market pending a clearer view of the Government cotton policy for next year.

Routine domestic mill and other trade buying acted to bolster nearby months, absorbing a reduced volume of hedging and liquidation.

New October (1955) remained under pressure as sellers discussed the possibility of lowered Government price supports and a liberalisation of production controls next year.

New October sagged 75 cents a bale, going to a 32-point discount under July before the decline levelled off. Subsequent buying was attracted on technical reasons with statisticians pointing out the new delivery had dropped 80 points since the contract first traded since completion of planting, replanting, and promoting cultivation, chopping and checking of insects in the main cotton during the past week.

Trading volumes and open interests in the exchange today were:

Month	Volume	Open Interest
Spot	20,700	512,600
July	14,000	487,400
Oct.	13,000	502,200
Mar.	6,500	231,400
May	4,000	236,800
Nov.	6,200	148,700
Dec.	7,500	24,700
Total	80,800	2,204,100 bales

Prices of futures closed today as follows:

Month	Price
Spot	34.65
July	33.82
Oct.	33.58
Mar.	34.02
May	33.93
Nov.	34.01
Dec.	33.91
Oct.	32.75

NEW ORLEANS
Prices of futures closed today as follows:

Month	Price
Spot	33.75
July	33.80
Oct.	33.58
Mar.	34.02
May	33.93
Nov.	34.01
Dec.	33.91
Oct.	32.75

SAO PAULO
Future closings, in cruzeiros per kilo were as follows:

Month	Price
July	30.20
Oct.	30.20
Mar.	30.20
May	30.20
Nov.	30.20
Dec.	30.20
Oct.	30.20

In the United States, the average price of 15/16 middling at ten designated spot markets was 33.81 cents. Sales at these centres totalled 4,881 bales.

The Liverpool cotton prices were not available.—United Press.

LONDON
The market was firm. Prices closed today in pence per lb. as follows:

Month	Price
Spot	30.5-31
July	30.5-31
Oct.	30.5-31
Mar.	30.5-31
May	30.5-31
Nov.	30.5-31
Dec.	30.5-31
Oct.	30.5-31

NEW YORK
Futures today closed 25 to 47 points higher with sales of 311 contracts.

Strength at London and Singapore, plus satisfaction over settlement of the Ford-Union labour negotiations brought a continuation of speculative buying and short covering, although realising by some of the earlier buyers cut down the margin of gain at the close.

Between-dealer switching also feature terminal market activity. Exchanges included March-July at 100 points; March-Sept. at 80 points; and Sept-July 17 points.

The spot market ruled quiet and factories were slow to follow the recent price rise. Although dealers did little buying. The recent Spot No 1 Raw were quoted at 23 3/4 cents, nominal. Futures:

Month	Price
July	35.5-35.75
Sept.	35.5-35.75
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